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Conservative vote collapses

ALLIANCE POLL TRIUMPH

Labour's Brecon hopes dashed

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

Mr Richard Livsey—victor of Brecon.
PICTURE: SRDJA DJUKANOVIC

THE Liberal-S D P Alliance took on a new confidence last night after gaining Brecon and Radnor from the Conservatives in a photo-finish by-election triumph which was as much a shock for Labour as for the Government.

The Alliance held off a strong Labour challenge by a majority of just 559 so depriving Mr Kinnock of his badly-wanted first by-election success since becoming Labour's leader.

And the Conservatives were pushed into third place, well behind Labour, as their majority of 8,784 at the 1983 General Election collapsed amid opposition claims that the Prime Minister and the Government had been humiliated.

The Alliance gain confounded some newspaper public opinion polls which had predicted a Labour victory.

Mr Kinnock and his colleagues believed the opinion polls confirmed their own canvas returns and were confident of victory, albeit by the sort of narrow margin which eventually gave the Alliance its win.

In the immediate aftermath of its defeat, Labour tended to make a scapegoat of Mr Arthur Scargill, the NUM president.

Mr Hattersley, deputy Labour leader, said that a mid-week speech by Mr Scargill had stirred up memories of the miners' strike and, although he would not commit himself to a figure, had undoubtedly cost Labour votes.

Labour may also have been affected by tactical voting by some Conservatives who decided to support the Alliance to stop a gain for Labour.

Both the Alliance and Labour said that they had benefited from a growing disenchantment with Mrs Thatcher.

Scargill blamed, and picture — P2; Editorial Comment — P12.

Alliance now has 25 MPs

The victorious candidate was Mr Richard Livsey, 50, an agricultural lecturer and smallholder and a Liberal who was narrowly beaten for second place by Labour at the 1983 General Election.

He will take his seat in the Commons on Tuesday, becoming the Alliance's 25th MP.

The Tory reaction at the loss of the Welsh constituency after six years was to shrug it off publicly as a typical mid-Parliament result encountered by all governments and certain to be reversed at a General Election.

But there was anxiety in the Conservative ranks, especially among MPs with marginal constituencies, that the Brecon result might be a signal of a wider electoral discontent.

The Tory inquest will include an assessment of Mrs Thatcher's rating as Prime Minister.

Some party canvassers reported that many people who voted Tory before had withdrawn their support because of her style of leadership.

Both the Alliance and Labour claime dthat the slumped Tory vote showed that Mrs Thatcher, after ten years as party leader and six as Prime Minister, had become an electoral liability to the Tories.

But that view was rejected by the Prime Minister's admirers as predictable propaganda.

Mr Steel, Liberal leader, and Dr Owen, S D P leader, were jubilant at a result which they conceded the Alliance had required urgently to stem recent suspicions that it was in decline.

Both claimed that the result confirmed the Alliance as a major third force in Parliamentary politics, but, with calculated restraint, stopped short of claiming that it was now on target to form the next Government outright.

For Mr Kinnock it was an embarrassing result, especially as he had shown such confidence at a meeting with political correspondents the night before that Labour would gain the seat on an upsurge of support that would bring victory at the next General Election.

Mr Kinnock's words to the correspondents were turned against him yesterday by Mr Steel.

The Liberal leader said in a

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How vote went

Voting figures in the Brecon & Radnor by-election with 1983 General Election figures in brackets, were:

R. A. L. Livsey (Alliance) 13,753 (9,226)

R. Willey (Lab) 13,194 (9,471)

C. Butler (C) 10,631 (18,255)

Mrs J. Davies (Plaid Cymru) 435 (640)

D. E. Sutch (Monster Raving Loony) 202

R. Everest (One Nation C) 154

A. Geuillard (Cure M S) 43

Alliance majority 559 (Con maj. 8,784)

The turnout in the by-election was 79·2 per cent. compared with 80·1 per cent. in the General Election.

The S D P-Liberal Alliance won 35·8 per cent. of the vote compared with 24·4 per cent. in 1983. The Conservative share was 27·7 per cent. (43·2 per cent.) and Labour 34·4 per cent. (25 per cent.).

The swing to the S D P-Liberal Alliance from Conservatives was 16 per cent, and 15 per cent. from Conservative to Labour.

Plaid Cymru, Monster Raving Loony, One Nation Conservative, and Cure Multiple Sclerosis lost their deposits.

Dr Owen jeers at pollsters

By Our Political Correspondent

THERE was considerable criticism among politicians of all parties yesterday of some newspaper polls on the by-election.

Dr David Owen took particular issue with a MORI poll published in the MIRROR Wednesday, giving Labour an 18 per cent. lead.

In fact the Alliance won by 1½ per cent., making MORI's error 19½ per cent. Opinion polls claim their error factor is only three per cent.

Dr Owen said in a statement: "Brecon beacon lights the way forward for the Alliance and the nation. Up the poll with Labour is a fairy tale story of Brecon.

"Mirror, mirror on Labour's wall, MORI most inaccurate of all."

Confidence lost

He also wrote to Mr Robert Worcester, head of MORI, saying he had lost confidence in the objectivity of of MORI and Mr Worcester.

Dr Owen said that Mr Worcester's links with the Labour party were clouding his objective judgment.

Mr Worcester said last night that MORI would re-examine its new sampling procedure which had been used at Brecon.

He also admitted that his organisation's eve-of-poll survey might well have won the election for the Alliance.

"If anything, the large lead for Labour in our poll for the MIRROR may well have had the effect of giving the Alliance just the boost they needed," he said.

Mr Worcester also said: "I have made no secret of my professional engagement by the Labour party which goes back five General Eelections, indeed while Dr Owen was a member of the Labour Government's Cabinet.

"My regard for Dr Owen is very high, both personally and

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'Why the switch' study by Gallup

The Daily Telegraph did not commission a poll from Gallup during the by-election, believing that in the circumstances forecasting was bound to be unreliable.

Early next week, however, it will publish a study by Gallup undertaken after polling and designed to show what proportion of the electors switched votes and why.

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1,300 jobs to go

By ROLAND GRIFFEN Business Correspondent

JOB losses totalling more than 1,300 were announced by three firms yesterday.

Plessey, the electronics group, is to shut its telecommunications factory at Huyton, Merseyside, with the loss of the remaining 700 jobs: Sheffield Forgemasters is reducing its work force by 500 and Logica, the computer group, plans to cut about 100 jobs in one of its subsidiaries.

The Huyton closure is a further blow in an area of high unemployment and follows Plessey's decision to reorganise its manufacturing plants in the North West.

Just over 15 per cent. of the 3,200-strong workforce will lose jobs at Sheffield Forgemasters, the loss-making steelmakers, in the latest reorganisation aimed at producing profits by the end of the year.

Logica is the latest of the computer companies to run into problems.

Losses in two subsidiary companies will mean the group overall will be in the red for the financial year just ended and an estimated 100 out of 400 jobs are likely to disappear in the Logica VTS subsidiary in Swindon.

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PICTURE: ANTHONY MARSHALL

The Princess of Wales and Miss Carolyn Herbert watching the men's singles semi-finals after heavy rain had stopped play — giving Miss Anne Rundell (left), 22, a veterinary student, of Chingford, Essex, the chance of a dip in the flooded tunnel leading to the Centre Court.

Storm floods Wimbledon

FORECAST: Fine, warm and dry
By GUY RAIS

WIMBLEDON was hit by a 20-minute downpour yesterday which left the Princess of Wales sitting in the back of a soaked Royal Box while cleaners mopped up around her.

The storm started as the Princess, in a light summer dress, arrived for the two men's semi-finals.

Within minutes one of the Centre Court entry tunnels was under three feet of water, and the Royal Box, covered in green tarpaulin, was drenched.

Water overflowed from gutters and drains. Tennis fans, in flimsy summer clothes, fled as the rain soaked even the covered seating area.

The flooded entry tunnel provided a makeshift, "swimming pool" for 22-year-old Anne Rundle from Chingford, East London who jumped into the water as part of a student's bet.

Advance warning

According to the London Weather Centre, the All England Club got an estimated one-and-a-half inches of rain—three quarters of the average July rainfall—in 20 minutes.

The Princess arrived at the ground five minutes before the scheduled 2 p.m. start of play. But instead of taking her seat, she was given an unscheduled tour of the Wimbledon museum.

Despite the heavy rain, the semi-final on the Centre Court was able to start only 90 minutes late.

The Meterorological Office had warned Wimbledon in advance that the deluge was on its way. And ground staff covered the Centre Court some time before the storm.

Before play finally started the Princess was shown to her usual place in the front of the V I P box where she sat next to her friend Carolyn Herbert with whom she had arrived.

They saw Kevin Curren beat fellow American Jimmy Connors 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

The other semi-final, between Sweden's Anders Jarryd and Boris Becker of West Germany, was interrupted by rain with the score 6-2, 6-7, 1-1. It resumes at mid-day today with B B C T V coverage starting at 11.50 a.m.

Westminster hit

Officials had to close off one of the busiest staircases in the Palace of Westminster, leading from the Central Lobby to the dining rooms and cafeterias, as water cascaded down. Phone boxes beneath the stairs were flooded and some water got into the Members Lobby.

Loughton underground station in Essex was closed because of flooding, and the downpour ended play in the Varsity cricket match between Oxford and Cambridge at Lord's.

John Parsons, Roger Malone and Pictures—P26

CID CHIEF DIES

Mr George Oldfield, the former assistant chief constable of West Yorkshire who led the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper, died yesterday in a Wakefield hospital after a long illness. He was 61.

Other obituaries—P8

Surging £ past $1·32 level

By ANNE SEGALL Banking Correspondent

THE pound surged past $1·32 to reach its best level for almost a year on the exchanges yesterday as signs of lower interest rates in America encouraged further switching out of the dollar.

By the close in London, the pound had gained more than a cent to $1·3282.

The pound also advanced strongly in Europe. At one stage it breached the critical four marks barrier before slipping back to DM3·9956, its best level for almost two years in terms of the German currency.

Dealers attributed the continued strength of sterling to relatively high British interest rates and the absence of bad news on the oil price front.

Investors switching out of dollars in search of a higher rate of return are making London their first port of call, the experts claim.

Real interest rates in Britain are at a historical peak and investors can earn roughly 6 per cent more in sterling than in other major currencies.

The sterling index, which measures the value of the pound against a basket of major currencies rose from 81·6 to 82·0 yesterday, a 15-month "high."

Business pressure

The strength of sterling could encourage business leaders to launch another major drive to persuade the Chancellor, Mr Lawson, to lower interest rates.

Businessmen argue that export orders will be hit if the pound stays at present levels for long and this will put the present economic recovery at risk. They also claim that present mortgage levels are making it hard to hold the line on pay.

Shares perked up yesterday after their recent bout of nerves, with the "30" share index closing 3·8 points higher at 955·7.

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'SUPERGRASS' COURT CLEARS LOYALISTS

By Our Belfast Correspondent

For the seventh time, a court in Ulster has thrown out the evidence of a supergrass and acquitted those implicated on his word.

Twenty loyalists were greeted by jubilant relatives after being cleared by Belfast Crown Court yesterday of nearly 100 charges, including a sectarian murder, causing explosions and hijacking.

The had been implicated by the Lulston Volunroon Fence informer William "Budgie" Allen, serving 14 years for attempted murder.

PILOT CO-OPTS SCHOOLMASTER

The pilot of an R A F Sea King helicopter co-opted his old school German master onto his crew last night when faced with the problem of going to the aid of two German balloonists in difficulties over the North Sea.

Earlier the crew of a helicopter from R A F Coltishall, Norfolk, found they could not communicate properly with the Germans who spoke no English. As the balloon drifted north Flight Lieutenant Simon Turner, 24, telephoned the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, and pursuaded his former teacher, Mr Michael Oswald, to join his flight from Boulmer. The balloonists later "ditched" and were picked up by a tanker.

JUMBO JET RECORDER FOUND

Daily Telegraph Reporter

THE flight recorder from the Air India jumbo jet which crashed off Ireland on June 23 killing 329 people was believed to have been traced last night.

Robot search equipment operated by Cable & Wireless engineers from the French ship, Leon Thevenin, is thought have found the recorder on the sea seabed 6,700ft. down.

A Cable and Wireless spokesman said the recorder could be recovered if the Indian authorities gave permission.

The robot search equipment, known as the Scarab, has traced ten large sections of the aircraft on the seabed. Cameras have relayed pictures of bodies and wreckage, but there is likely to be a weight limit on the material that can be recovered from such a depth.

EMI PROFITS CUT

Thorn E M I, whose chairman Mr Peter Laister, was ousted by non-executive directors earlier this week, yesterday disclosed net profits for the year to March 31 of £35·5 million compared to £87·5 million the year before.

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SIEGE HOUSE SHOTS

By Our Crime Stav

A policewoman and a superintendent were slightly wounded by pellets when six shots were fired from a besieged house in Kings Heath, Birmingham yesterday. Aman was being questioned last night.

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PIGGOTT QUITS AS JOCKEY

Daily Telegraph Reporter

LESTER PIGGOTT confirmed yesterday that he is retiring at the end of the racing season in November to become a trainer.

Piggott, who will be 50 on Nov. 5, said: "I suppose I could have gone on as a jockey a few more seasons as I feel as fit and strong as ever, but I reckon 50 is a nice round age to quit."

He rode his first winner at Haydock in 1948 when only 12 and has dominated English racing for 20 years.

His record of 29 classic winners includes nine Epsom Derbys, six Oaks, and eight St Legers.

He first became champion jockey in 1960 and went on to win the title ten more times.

After riding in two big races in America at the end of the season, he will begin accepting horses for training at his Eve Lodge stables, Newmarket.

Hotspur—P27

IRANIAN HELPED TO FREE TWA HOSTAGES

By Our Staff Correspondent in Washington

American officials were reported yesterday to be giving credit to an unlikely source — the speaker of the Iranian parliament Mr Ali Askbar Rafsanjani for a key role in helping to resolve the T W A hostage crisis at Beirut.

Mr Rafsanjani, who was in Damascus during the crisis, summoned leaders on the Shi'ite extremist Hezbollah group for what American officials described as a "tough talk" about releasing the American hostages.

Boycott difficulties, and Picture—P6

BR FARES TO RISE SHARPLY

By Our Transport Correspondent

British Rail introduces sharp increases on many fares tomorrow making the third rise in just over six months for some travellers.

It affects long-distance saver tickets, now the normal off-peak ticket for reduced-cost travel. There will be no increases on tickets under £9, but above that the rises will be on a sliding scale of between £1 and £4.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Ridge will move slowly across country from W.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, S.E., CEN. S., S.W. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, CHANNEL IS., S. WALES: Mainly dry, sunny intervals. Wind N.W., light or moderate. Max. 70F (21C).

E., N.E. ENGLAND: Early rain, sunny spells developing, also scattered showers. Wind N.W., light or moderate. 66F (19C).

N.W. ENGLAND, S.E. SCOTLAND, N. WALES, N. IRELAND: Sunny intervals, scattered showers dying out later. Wind N.W., light or moderate. 66F (19C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Wind S.W., force 4 veering 4 or 5. Sea slight becoming moderate.

ENG. CHANNEL (E.): W. 4 or 5. Slight or moderate.

ST GEORGE'S CH, IRISH SEA: W. 4, occasionally 5. Slight.

OUTLOOK: Mostly dry, warm, but some rain in N.

POLLEN FORECAST

The pollen count for London and the South-East, issued yesterday by the Asthma Research Council, was 87, which is higher. The outlook is higher.

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DEMOCRACY WARNING BY WHITELAW

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

VISCOUNT Whitelaw, Leader of the Lords, yesterday delivered a vehement denunciation of both Mr Scargill, the miners' leader, and Mr Kinnock, Labour leader, and warned that neither could be relied upon to defend freedom and democracy.

On Mr Scargill, he said his aim was power free from constraints of democratic ballots and that he would use a future Labour government as "a passport to domination."

He accused Mr Kinnock of failing to show any conviction in his criticism of the miners' leader.

"Mr Kinnock's basic criticism does not concern principle but expediency, not freedom or democracy but votes for himself and his party at elections," Lord Whitelaw declared.

"*The prospect of lost votes in* a by-election may induce Mr Kinnock querulously to complain of Mr Scargill's indiscretions. But he refuses to recognise that freedom and democracw are more than words or even votes.

"To defend them governments have to be strong, to support unequivocally the forces of law, to resist without flinching the demagogue and the mob."

Election theme

Lord Whitelaw insisted that the next election would be about the need to defend democracy and freedom.

"We hear many criticisms of this Government's style. But I do not believe that anyone could seriously doubt that Margaret Thatcher's Government will always defend democracy and freedom whatever the cost: and I *do not* doubt either that most people accept that Mr Kinnock and his colleagues would not."

Lord Whitelaw was speaking in the mining area of Selby in Yorkshire and provided him with a suitable platform to condemn Mr Scargill.

"The nation's collective amnesia about the miners' strike and the enduring lssons it has taught is understandable: but it is also dangerous. Just how dangerous has been amply demonstrated by evidence of Arthur Scargill's renewed determination to conscript his members into another futile political strike.

"Mr Scargill's aim is simple: he wants power. Power for himself as NUM President for life, free from those awkward constraints of democratic ballots to which he developed such a strong aversion.

"And power for a Labour government which he expects to sack the Coal Board, hand him control of the coal industry and release from prison those whose callous crimes of violence against their fellow miners so shocked the nation.

"For Mr Scargill, the Labour party is a push-over, a Labour Government a passport to domination."

In a separate onslaught on the NUM leader, Mr Bottomley, junior Employment Minister, questioned Mr Scargill's credibility as an officer of the union in the outside world.

He said: "He cannot now claim the support of his members as he dare not ask for their votes.

"Why does he also want to make it difficult for members to complain to the courts, to stop members inspecting the union's books and to use the funds members have subscribed to pay fines imposed for defying the law?

What sort of voluntary association is it that needs to treat its members in this way?"

Mr Bottomley said Mr Scargill was running away. "He ran away from a strike ballot last year but his members voted with their feet. He has now reneged on a pledge he gave in 1981 to submit himself for regular re-election.

"The *fact that the rules* have had to be changed to spare him this embarrassment testifies to the impact of our 1984 Trade Union Act."

He believed, however, that the NUM's rules changes would now be of serious concern to the TUC itself and he warned that Mr Scargill's "divide and rule tactics" could lead to a confrontation within the wider union movement.

While Mr Scargill preached realignment and unity on the international scene, he succeeded in deepening divisions in the TUC and his own union. "He is driving a wedge between those who are prepared to be accountable to their members and those who are not."

BAN ON NGA BLACKING AT 'GUARDIAN'

By Our Industrial Staff

The management of the Guardian yesterday obtained a temporary High Court injunction preventing the Manchester branch of the National Graphical Association from blacking two of the paper's four presses there.

The paper was not printed in London last night for the fifth night running because of a pay dispute involving 30 NGA stereotypers.

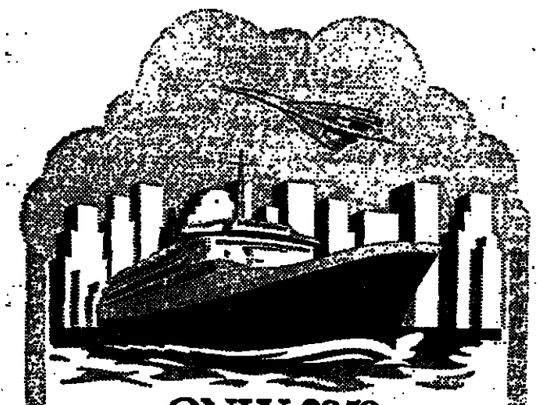
But the management has been printing extra copies in Manchester by using four presses instead of the normal two.

MoD LEAK SUMMONSES ON 'OBSERVER'

Two summonses were served on the Observer yesterday alleging corruption in relation to classified Ministry of Defence documents said to have been leaked to the newspaper by a former Ministry weapons expert.

Earlier this year the newspaper had been told it would be prosecuted after Raymond Williams, 38, of Kingsmead West, Bath, was jailed for six months o ntwo charges of corruptly receiving £1,500 from the newspaper in return for information given while he was a senior executive officer at the Directorate of Weapons, Resources and Programmes.

The summonses are under the 1906 Prevention of Corruption Act. If convicted on indictment, the fine is unlimited while on summary conviction there is a £2,000 maximum.



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QUEEN ELIZABETH 2

A member of the Trafalgar House Group.

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Mr Richard Livsey, the newly-elected Liberal/Alliance MP for Brecon and Radnor, waving to crowds after the count yesterday.

FARM VOTE WAS CRUX OF VICTORY

By GRAHAM JONES

THE country's newest MP, Mr Richard Livsey, basked in the sunshine of a spectacular Liberal by-election win yesterday, and said: "Like the Brecon Beacons, the beacon of the Alliance will now show the way to the people of Britain."

He called his narrow 559-vote win over Labour, with the Conservatives crushed into third place, "an historic victory with a simple message."

He said: "I believe it is the end of the Prime Minister's mandate; but it also marks the failure of Labour to be a credible alternative to a Conservative Govt.

"We are into three-party politics now."

Mr Livsey, 50, a lecturer in agriculture who farms his own smallholding, said he realised that victory was his in the final hours of a tour of 35 Liberal committee rooms on polling day.

Late rush

He said he had suddenly seen droves of farmers rushing to the polling stations at 9 p.m.

"They were pouring down the road in vans, Land Rovers and cars, and it was a crucial element in our victory."

Mr Livsey received a rapturous welcome from a crowd of 1,000 supporters in a carnival atmosphere outside Brecon Guildhall. He said his victory had come on the key issues of cuts, education and the "great deal of dissatisfaction" in the agricultural industry about Government farming policy.

The political temperature rose with the 90-degree heat in the tiny Guildhall under a battery of television lighting when there was one partial and then a full recount, delaying the declaration by 90 minutes.

The first count had put the Alliance ahead by 480 votes. A bundle count raised this figure to 515, and the Labour party agent, Miss Anita Gale, then asked for a new count of the vote. The result was an even higher majority for the Liberals of 559, and Labour then conceded defeat.

'Tense' campaign

The Labour candidate, Dr Richard Willey, said his campaign reflected "great credit" on the Labour party nationally. "What this result shows quite *decisively is that the day can*not now long be delayed when a Labour Government will be elected to power."

Mr Chris Butler, the Conservative candidate, acknowledged it had been "a gruelling, very tense anddi fficult campaign," but he said he was not allotting "one iota of blame to Mrs Thatcher."

PIT STRIKE SLOWS DETECTION

Policing the year-long strike brought the development of Nottinghams police to a standstill, says the Chief Constable, Mr Charles McLachlan. Crime detection rate fell and the police manpower establishment suffered.

He said the main results of the pressure on the police establishment meant that the force had to freeze recruitment of officers and civilians, suspend training, abandon the building programme and halt investment in technology and the purchase of new vehicles.

£5,000 RINGING EARS AWARD

A telephone engineer won £5,000 damages in the High Court yesterday because the ringing in his ears will not stop.

Mr John Ashton, 47, of Kincaid Road, Peckham, suffers from tinnitus. The noise is continuous and unbearable at night.

He was using a Hilti gun in 1981 to attach cable to a wall and there was a loud bang.

Mr Justice Tucker said Mr Ashton was not wearing any protection for his ears and he found British Telecom two thirds to blame and Hilti of Manchester, one third.

Brecon and Radnor By-election

Defeated Labour blame Scargill and Benn

By GRAHAM JONES in Brecon

LABOUR campaign staff in the Brecon and Radnor by-election believe Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, cost them victory with his "shopping list" of demands this week to a future Labour Government and manipulation of his union's rules to make him president for life.

They believe that the "Scargill factor" cost them the 559 votes by which the Alliance won a by-election that until 4 p.m. on polling day, Labour thought it had won.

They believe they lost a further 500 votes because of fears that a future Labour Government would nationalise land. The name of Mr Benn was paramount in losing those votes, after his recent Ten-Minute Rule Bill calling for the nationalisation of land and property valued at over £250,000.

Mr Allan Rogers, MP for *Rhondda, who led Labour's* otherwise successful by-election campaign said of the "Scargill factor": "We lost votes on the streets on this, and we cannot hide the fact."

He said certain leading figures who were members of the Labour party should "shut up" and let the leadership get on with the job of improving its standing" with voters.

"Why can't people in the Labour party no matter where they come from, exert some discipline and show unity with the leadership in trying to win elections?" he said.

Mr Rogers added: "We would much have preferred this election not to be in the week of the NUM conference, but perhaps that is the way the Government wanted it."

Mr Benn ,ho also became a bogeyman to voters in calling just six days before the poll for an amnesty for miners convited of violence during the miners' strike, did not do the by-election campaign any favours with a local speaking engagement.

"We were getting MPs coming back to the committee rooms saying they were worried to find Mr Scargill and Mr Benn such an issue on the doorsteps," said a Labour election worker.

Worst moment

Mr Benn's amnesty Bill was *tabled at the very worst* moment for local Labour workers, just as Mr Kinnock was making a supposedly triumphant tour of the constituency.

Mr Kinnock had to take second place on the Welsh television news to Mr Bem, when the latter was nowhere near the contituency.

SCARGILL DENIAL

'Thatcher factor'

Mr Scargill yesterday denied that a "Scargill factor" had caused a defection of many voters who had planned to support the Labour candidate.

He said: "I would think it has been the Thatcher factor at Brecon.

Labour offers miners joint talks on coal

By JAMES O'BRIEN

PARTICIPATION in a new plan for the coal industry was offered by Labour yesterday to the three mining unions. The offer was made in Sheffield by *Mr Stanley Orme, Labour spokesman* on energy, when he addressed the annual conference of the National Union of Mineworkers.

It was immediately accepted by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union's president.

Mr Orme, an intermediary on behalf of the NUM during the pit strike, told the conference he had made the invitation with the full and "enthusiastic support" of Mr Kinnock.

He asked the NUM, the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers, and the British Association of Colliery Management to sit down now with the Labour party and start work on the plan.

A Labour Government would implement the plan without delay when it was returned to power.

Mr Orme said: "This will be a real plan for coal and a tripartite agreement which all sides will carry out and implement."

Need for investment

He will make a formal written approach urging the participation of the three unions sometime next week.

The coal industry would be central to the energy requirements of future generations, said Mr Orme, and would continue to have a major share of "power-creation" and it would need the investment it had been denied.

In the last 10 years there have been two plans for coal which have now been overtaken by econmic and planning changes in the industry.

Mr Scargill said the NUM accepted Mr Orme's invitation and there would be no difficulty in working together.

WARNING ON BREAKAWAY TO REBELS

By JAMES O'BRIEN

THE Nottinghamshire area of the mineworkers union will meet in Mansfield today when 300 officials will be briefed about the NUM annual conference and the introduction o fnew rules.

A warning clearly aimed at Nottinghamshire's 28,500 members was given yesterday by Mr Arthur Scargill, the mineworkers' president, when he was asked about the area breaking its ties with the national union.

He said: "I would caution anyone who contemplates breaking away from this union. They are on the road to disaster."

Main changes

The main rules changes are:

To allow the NUM president to remain in office "for life," in Mr Scargills' case until 2005.

The right to dissolve, merge, transfer or combine individual members of groups.

To call out on strike part of or an entire area although a national strike still requires a ballot.

The introduction of levies and the indemnity of all executive members, to apply retrospectively: in matters carried out with the authority of the executive.

CEGB TO KEEP HIGH STOCKS

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

THE Central Electricity Generating Board is to maintain high winter coal stocks for at least the next few years as a safeguard against further supply disruptions by miners.

But it is to ask the Government to foot the bill for maintaining power station stocks at higher than normal levels and underwrite what is regarded as a "Scargill insurance" policy.

Plans finalised by the board will mean that coal-fired power stations will go into the winters ahead with a stockpile of at least 25 million tons, at least 10 million tons above what would be regarded as normal seasonal levels.

The electricity industry went into the year-long miners' strike with stocks of more than 30 million tons after a two-year build-up.

Prudent planning

They were down to under 11 million tons by the end of the dispute. More use of oil, continuing supplies from the Nottinghamshire coalfield and all-out staff efforts ensured supplies were *maintained*.

The board sees the high stocking policy as prudent planning because of the uncertainties surrounding security of supply from a workforce now subject to greater control from the centre.

The "Scargill insurance" policy, it is felt, has been given added significance by the changes at the mineworkers' union conference this week. *They give Mr Scargill*, president, a job for life and the national executive greater authority.

The policy is being backed by the Government but there has been no understanding that the Treasury will underwrite the extra costs.

There is no anticipation that Mr Scargill will attempt to stage another all-out strike at least for another year because it is felt there will be no support from the work force.

But continuing confrontations with the coal board could cause problems in building up supplies to meet peak demand.

Electricity will continue to be vulnerable to coal supply interruptions at least up to 1995, according to some estimates. Much depends on whether the board gets the go-ahead for a faster programme of nuclear power developments.

49th CHILD SEX CRIME BRINGS FIRST JAILING

Stephen Cartwright, 26, a British Telecom engineer of no settled address, who had 48 previous convictions for offences against children, was jailed for the first time yesterday after admitting an act of gross indecency with a girl aged 13 outside a block of flats in Barnet.

Mr Record Simon Goldstein told him at Wood Green Crown Court he found it hard to understand why he had never before been given a custorial sentence.

"You have been given chance after chance, and it has all failed. Some judge has got to harden his heart, say enough is enough, and sav that little children must be protected from ogres like you," he said, jailing him for two years.

JAIL FOR 'PILOT' TRICKSTER

Martin Farnhill, 30, who bluffed his way into the pilot's seat of a small plane at Henstridge Airfield, near Yeovil, dressed in a pilot's uniform, and taxied around to impress his girlfriend was jailed for 21 months, nine of them suspended, at Southwark Crown Court yesterday.

Farnhill, who was said to be infatuated with the idea of being an airline pilot and had worn the uniform to stay at top London hotels, admitted nine charges of deception which had cost his victims £5,400 and asked for nine other offences to be considered.

Electrical union's 'no strike' deals policy endorsed

LEADERS of the Electricians' union, who have already negotiated 10 "no-strike" agreements with different companies and have 10 similar deals in the pipeline, received backing for the policy from their rank and file yesterday despite grave Left-wing fears.

The biennial conference of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union yesterday rejected moves to abolish the deals on the grounds that they were a threat to trade union rights.

The meeting in Blackpool approved a resolution welcoming the union's radical approach to industrial relations.

In each case a vote was taken *by a show of hands among* nearly 900 delegates and the result was described later by the union's general secretary, Mr Eric Hammond, as "a very satisfactory endorsement."

Forecasting that there would be more of this type of agreement, Mr Hammond said: "The decision shows that our members understand what we are trying to do and that we have convinced them this is a reasonable way of conducting our affairs."

Partnership urged

The agreements aimed at giving employees better conditions and greater security in return for proceedures that reduced the possibilities of industrial action.

Mr Alan Slocombe, of the Lucas-Girling plant in Newport, defended the agreement at the Inmos chip plant in South Wales. *It was not for conference* to condemn any agreement which had been properly negotiated and supported by the members, he said.

For the executive, Mr Wyn Bevan, who has been involved with some of the agreements, promised the conference that if any Government tried to impose a "no strike" agreement on the union in any industry, the union would *bluntly refuse to co-operate.*

Urging the need for a partnership between the trade unions and a future Labour Government to produce economic stability, Mr Bevan spoke of the danger of Mr Neil Kinnock being elected into office with the help of the unions and later being thrown out because of a spate of strikes.

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Teachers pressing for indefinite strikes

By SARAH THOMPSON Education Staff

MORE and longer strikes and other industrial action by teachers were promised for the autumn term yesterday by Mr Fred Jarvis, leader of the teachers' pay negotiators, unless a settlement ended the 17-week dispute soon.

Mr Jarvis ruled out a national strike but said that some areas had requested indefinite regional strikes next term.

He said: "Sir Keith Joseph's position is looking weaker by the minute, particularly after his remarks in Parliament yesterday. "Only a change of heart by Sir Keith would solve the dispute.

But he said that although the local authorities had torn up the "concordat" giving the Education Secretary control over pay offer. This would ideally employers and teachers were determined to put pressure on him, Sir Keith was not likely to change the formal negotiating machinery of the Burnham Committee.

Sir Keith said on the BBC "Today" programme yesterday: "The Government is determined that extra must be in return for better schooling."

Informal talks

He played down the effect of the breakdown of the "concordat." "Tearing it up doesn't produce a penny more," he said, adding that the Burnham machinery would remain until the Government created an alternative.

Sir Keith is not thought likely to try to regain control over pay talks in the immediate future, certainly not before informal talks between the Labour - led employers and unions on Monday.

The teachers will press the local authorities to affirm their commitment to a "substantial" pay offer .This would ideally have to exceed the earnings index of 9·4 per cent., said Mr Jarvis.

Hopes for a settlement of the college lecturers' pay dispute were almost buoyant at talks yesterday. The lecturers hope for an improved offer, having rejected four per cent. and for action to free the promotion logjam at the lower end of the salary scale.

JUNGLE CITY FOUND

An expedition to the high Amazon jungle has found the ruins of an ancient Indian city of about 24,000 buildings, 600 miles north of Lima. The fortified complex covers about 75 square miles.—Reuter.

DROP IN SALES OF NEW CARS

By JOHN LANGLEY Motoring Correspondent

AFTER a record-breaking trend over the first five months of the year new car sales slipped back in June.

Total registrations were 135,708, compared with 139,722 in June 1984—a fall of just over 2·8 pr cent, according to figures *issued last night by the Society* of Motor Manufacturers and Traders.

They brought the half yearly sales total to 943,636, a drop of 0·2 per cent on the January-June 1984 total of 945,868.

The three leading sellers, Ford, General Motors, Vauxhall/Opel and BL had lower market shares in June compared with a year ago.

Ford took 28·7 per cent against 31·5 per cent in June last year. GM had 16·5 per cent (17·1 per cent) and BL slipped back to 16 per cent, against 17 per cent last year.

BL's fall is particularly worrying because Austin Rover has been trying to increase its share this year, but the latest figures have not benefited from the full effects of the State-backed group's "Now We're Motoring" sales campaign.

Sales of imported cars, including foreign-built Fords and Vauxhalls, were again well up, accounting for 59·7 per cent of the market against 54·9 per cent a year ago.

Over the six months, the importers share was 58·7 per cent, against 55·8 per cent.

Peugeot Talbot's share rose from 3·5 per cent to 4 per cent in June, while Volkswagen Audi was the leading independent importer with 5·9 per cent (6·5 per cent in June 1984).

Manufacturers are now launhing major sales ampaigns in readiness for the biggest sales of the year in August when the new "C" registration prefix comes in.

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'Mr Big' escapes the net

FIVE JAILED FOR SMUGGLING £10m DRUGS

By JOHN SHAW

FIVE men involved in an attempt to smuggle four-and-a-half tons of cannabis resin worth £10·8 million into Britain were jailed at Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday.

The consignment, taken on board the schooner Robert Gordon (69 tons) after a rendezvous with gunmen off the coast of Northern Lebanon, was brought ashore in darkness at North Fambridge, a hamlet on the River Crouch in Essex, on Oct. 4 last year.

The two-masted schooner was tracked across the Mediterranean and up the English Channel in an undercover operation by Customs and Excise who finally moved in with armed police.

They made the largest seizure of canabis resin in Western Europe.

But the man Customs officers believe is the "Mr Big" behind the scheme, Brian John Barker, 42 is still at large and thought to be in Cyprus.

Barker, a motor trader, is a former owner of the Bentley Golf and Country Club in Brentwood, Essex.

Careful planning

Judge PETER GREENWOOD said he accepted Barker was the principal figure "and the sooner he is brought to justice the better."

But he said that the scheme could not have operated without careful planning, and the way KEITH JONES, 57, skipper of the vessel, carried out his part of the project in the Mediterranean and TERENCE GUY, 46, company director, organised the operation in England.

Jones, of The Saltings, Canewdon, Essex, and Guy, of Court Avenue, Harold Park, Romford, East London, were each sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment. The maximum is 14 years.

Judge Greenwood also ordered the forfeiture of £24,250 found in Guy's car at North Fambridge. The judge said he had no doubt that the money would have been used to pay the crew.

JOHN BRIDGER, 57, decorator, of Cussons Close Flamstead End, Waltham Cross, Herts, who organised the transport arrangements was sentenced to six years.

Two crewmen, BRIAN HILL, 36, a seaman, of Giffords Cross Avenue, Corringham, Essex, and NICHOLAS KEFERAKIS, 26, from Rhodes, were each sentenced to five years.

Firearms in wheelhouse

Judge Greenwood, who ordered Keferakis to be deported at the end of his sentence, said to the five accused that but for the brilliance of the Customs officers over a long period of time "each and every one of you, in your different ways, would have been strutting around rich men."

All five were convicted of being concerned in the illegal importation of cannabis resin. Jones was also convicted on two charges of possessing firearms found in the wheelhouse of the Robert Gordon.

GEOFFREY KING, 41, builder, of Red Willows, Harlow, Essex, and DAVID CRIGHTON, 22, of Hillside Crescent, Weldon, Corby, Northants, who each pleaded not guilty to smuggling, were acquitted and discharged.

The judge commended Mr KEVIN BYRNE and Mr CEDRIC WOODALL, two Customs Officers who led the inquiry, code named "Operation Bishop".

Very scared

Mr HARRY OGNALL QC for Guy said since the prosecution had begun Guy had been approached by people who had dealings with Barker "in another drug enterprise", who held Guy responsible for Barker's outstanding criminal debts.

They had threatened to scar his wife's face for life with acid, and Mrs Guy was now living at a secret address in Australia. Guy was "very scared" and would be submitting that he be placed in solitary confinement in prison.

The drug will be destroyed and the 65 ft schooner sold. It is now moored in Ipswich Docks.

Links with international terrorism

SHADOWY links between the illicit drug trade and international terrorism emerged during the three week trial at Chelmsford Crown Court.

The connection was only hinted at, but it is believed that cannabis grown in the Bekaa Valley, southern Lebanon, is being sold on the black market to finance elements of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The four-and-a-half tons of cannabis resin at the centre of the case, high-grade "Lebanese gold," second only in quality to "Paki Black" from Afghanistan, was loaded on to the schooner Robert Gordon, in a bizarre night-time operation, 10 miles off the coast of Tripoli, northern Lebanon, last August.

It was brought to the rendezvous by khaki-shirted men carrying Russian-made AK47 Kalashnikov rifles, the standard terrorist weapon. The ship then turned 180 degrees and headed back towards Britain.

Girls and gold

Brian John Barker, the man whom police believe put the deal together, and who is still wanted for questioning, is 6ft 4in tall and powerfully built. He keeps in peak fitness by strenuous workouts. He went into the car trade as a young man, made money aggressively and is fond of girls, gold, and glamorous cars.

His partner was Terence John Guy, a ruthless businessman used to getting his own way. The money came from their garage and salvage businesses and the contacts were made by Barker in Cyprus, a base for many known drug smugglers, because it is on the supply route from the Lebanon.

Followed everywhere

Undercover agents shadowed the two men and their associates while the deal was being put together. They were followed everywhere, day and night. Customs men posed as telephone engineers, workmen, pedestrians at bus stops, observing, filming and photographing.

Guy, unaware of the surveillance, nevertheless took precautions to avoid detection, often driving round roundabouts twice to see if he was being followed.

Even after his arrest he refused to believe the depth and range of the observations, until the detail began to come out in court. He then changed his plea to guilty.

Singing salesman

Some key evidence came from Jones' girl-friend who described how Guy had given her £55,000 in cash over drinks to buy a yacht in the Mediterranean.

The vessel was too small and the team had to buy the Robert Gordon, a former sail training vessel built in 1961, from an innocent couple in Majorca.

Jones was approached to be stopped. A former car salesman with a personable manner and a good voice, he had once sung for dinners in the smart piano bar of the four-star Victoria Sol Hotel in Palma. He was also a good seaman, and brought the Robert Gordon home ahead of time.

A treasured possession was an executive brief-case with an enormous collection of bills. Barker, strict about housekeeping, instructed him to account for every single item of expenditure—even down to telephone bills for calls to Britain.

Jones would have received £50,000 and the crew about £20,000-£25,000 each.

Customs trap nearly grounded by sandbank

By JOHN SHAW

OPERATION BISHOP nearly came to grief on a sandbank off Foulness Point when the investigating team was within sight of its £10·8 million drug prize last October.

The 69-ton schooner, Robert Gordon, ran aground near the Black Deep No. 9 buoy, 10 miles east of the point, and sent a distress message to the Thames Marine Rescue Centre, at Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex.

The coastguard radioed a message to other ships in the vicinity but no vessel responded and the Walton lifeboat was launched.

Suddenly, thousands of hours of painstaking observation seemed to be in jeopardy. The Customs trap was waiting to be sprung but this unforeseen mishap was on the verge of "blowing" the entire operation.

Seven minutes later, another vessel came on the air and radioed that the schooner had floated free and was under way again.

A senior Customs officer said afterwards: "If she had been in real difficulties and towed into Ipswich, the whole thing would have gone haywire.

Headlights flashed

"The whole operation would have had to be moved up the coast without anybody knowing. You try and move 150 men and all their vehicles through open country without causing some sort of disturbance.

"The careful organisation we had done would have been ruined. We would have been blown. It was a nail-biting moment, to put it mildly."

Customs men who had kept the vessel under observation ever since she left Palma, Majorca, on Aug. 3, watched from the shore as she entered the River Crouch.

On Oct. 3, Jones came ashore in a dinghy and alerted a shore party from a call-box at the Essex Marina on the south bank of the river opposite Burnham-on-Crouch.

The next night Guy drove down to the slipway at North Fambridge. His car headlights flashed briefly over the darkened water to the schooner in mid-stream.

A van arrived, and a second followed. The operation was moving to its climax.

Darkened Customs launches were in position. Searchlights were set up on the bank. Armed police with blackened faces and wearing "S A S" type balaclava masks, were on the alert relieving the smugglers might be armed.

Men were watching every road junction for miles around equipped with walkie-talkie radios giving a running commentary as the conspirators arrived. Some police were in ditches, others hidden up trees. Their vehicles were concealed in farmyards.

Customs men watching from a group of partly-built houses, saw the two vans pass and radioed the operational headquarters at Southend Airport.

A police road block was moved into position, opposite the railway station.

On the south bank of the river, investigators using special night sight binoculars were watching shadowy figures move about the schooner's deck. Sacks were unloaded, taken ashore in a rubber dinghy, and stacked into the vans.

It was pitch black and quiet. But a noise alerted one of the drivers, and both drove back up the narrow road at speed.

A mile-and-a-half from the riverside they were ambushed by the road block.

Jones and Hill were still on the schooner. Wondering what had happened, they boarded the dinghy and were in midstream when, said a police officer, all hell broke loose.

The searchlights were switched on, flares shot in the air, and there was a helicopter overhead with a searchlight underneath. The whole place came alive.

Jones, the luckless skipper, Hill and Crighton were arrested. The trap had been sprung successfully.

SEX ATTACKER HAD READ PORN MAGAZINES

A British Telecom engineer who carried out a "savage" sex attack on a 52-year-old housewife after reading pornographic magazines was jailed for five years at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Ian Lobley, 32, tricked his way into the flat of Mrs Rita Elias, in Cranbrook Road, Ilford, by pretending he had to check her telephone, said Mr Michael Stuart-Moore, prosecuting.

Lobley, a married man with two children, of Woodfield Drive, Gidea Park, Romford, pleaded guilty to causing her grievous bodily harm.

PROTESTER JAILED

Mabel Baker, 65, of Button End, Harston, Cambridgeshire, was taken to Holloway jail yesterday after refusing to pay a £40 fine imposed by Berkshire magistrates after a protest at Greenham Common. The court said that she should serve six days in prison if the fine was not paid.

JUDGE ATTACKS 'LEGALISE POT' LOBBY

A judge yesterday attacked the lobby which wants to legalise "pot," when he jailed John Byron Cudworth, 30, for six months for possessing over three grammes of heroin. "They should come and listen to cases like this," he said at Winchester Crown Court.

In 10 years Cudworth, of Farnborough, Hants, had worked his way up from cannabis through other drugs to heroin, and was now "near the end of the road." Judge Lewis McCreedy told him: "If you want to end up in the gutter on a wet night, that's your business. It's a free country."

The judge failed to get a full explanation on how Cudworth, with only £50 a week State benefit, could afford £120 a week on drugs.

BLIND MAN WAS LOOK-OUT FOR BURGLAR

A blind man acted as look-out for a burglar, Warwick Crown Court was told yesterday. As soon as blind Edward Bennett heard a car, he called his dog, which was the warning signal to the burglar, and then fled.

Bennett, 32, of Birch Tree Road, Nuneaton, pleaded guilty to taking part in the burglary of a house in the town in December and handling stolen property. He was put on probation for 18 months.

Peter Hiatt, 23, of Tudor Road, Nuneaton, admitted two burglaries and a shoplifting offence. He was ordered to do 150 hours' community service, fined £10 and ordered to pay £252 compensation.

MEDALS STOLEN

A consignment of 1,290 commemorative medals portraying Singapore's Changi airport has been stolen from Heathrow, police said yesterday. They are valued at £12,000.

The woman lying where she was shot in a London street yesterday.

WOMAN SHOT IN STREET

By JOHN WEEKES Crime Staff

A WOMAN was critically ill last night after being shot in the head while waiting for her husband outside a bank in Clerkenwell.

Two men rode up outside the bank in Skinner Street on a motorcycle and the pillion passenger fired a shotgun straight at Mrs Julia Taylor, a housewife in her mid-thirties, before escaping.

She was in a "very serious" condition in St Bartholomew's Hospital after undergoing surgy.

Mrs Taylor, of North Hill, Highgate, had been to Barclays Bank in Rosebery Avenue, Clekenwell, with her husband, Allan. He had collected £11,000 and had asked his wife to collect their car while he stayed in the bank.

Detectives believe the robbers may have thought she had the money with her.

The couple have two children.

Court escaper jailed

A DRUGS supplier who escaped from a court and fled abroad seven years ago, was yesterday jailed for eight years at Aylesbury Crown Court in spite of a plea for mercy from his wife, who flew from Australia to attend the hearing.

The court was told that Michael Marchinton, 40, was arrested in April 1978 while acting as a "minder" to a young girl drug courier who was smuggling cocaine valued at nearly £200,000 through Heathrow.

Mr David Martineau, prosecuting, said that a month later Marchinton leaped from the dock of Uxbridge magistrates' court and escaped, fleeing on a false passport first to France, then Mexico, South America, California and finally Australia, where he was arrested last year and extradited back to Britain.

Sentencing Marchinton, who admitted conspiring to supply cocaine and possessing the drug with intent to supply, Judge John Slack said: "This court takes the view that a sentence should be passed that would have been appropriate in 1978."

Mr Jonah Walker-Smith, defending, said that Marchinton, who was born in Nottingham but grew up in Australia, had been involved in two unsuccessful smuggling attempts in 1975 in which consignments of cannabis were seized by Customs officers.

11 YEARS FOR ROBBER WHO SHOT GUARD

Moments after shooting a security guard, Terence Farmiloe, an armed robber, was trapped in a Tube train by a "very brave" company director, Mr Brian Barker, prosecuting, said at the Old Bailey yesterday.

As Judge Abdela sentenced Farmiloe, 21, to 11 years' imprisonment, he commended the courage of the director, Mr Paul Cowan, 34, and a security guard, Mr Tony Cox, 24, and awarded each of them £250.

Farmiloe, of Morton Road, Islington, admitted robbery, wounding and possessing a firearm in March this year. The judge told him: "What you have done nobody can tolerate. The public owe a great deal to people like Mr Cowan and Mr Cox."

'Dr Evil Eyes' gets life for killing his wife

A FORMER optician who was dubbed "Dr Evil Eyes" was sentenced to life imprisonment yesterday for killing his wife with a claw hammer in their garage.

Brian Harris: killed his wife with a hammer.

BRIAN HARRIS, 49, of Cottesmore Place, Blackpool, admitted the manslaughter of his wife EDNA due to diminished responsibility.

The jury at Preston Crown Court was told that Harris suffered brain damage in a road accident in 1962.

Two years ago Harris was sentenced at Overton to 18 months jail, suspended for two years for giving women drugs in order to have sexual intercourse with them.

At that time he had six opticians' shops in the Preston and Fylde district of Lancashire. The case received widespread publicity, with headlines about "Dr Evil Eyes."

Offered sympathy

Mr DAVID POOLE, Q C, prosecuting, said: "'It seems that following that publicity Mrs Harris, then a divorced lady, contacted the defendant by telephone, although at that time she was a complete stranger to him. She offered sympathy to him."

Within six weeks they were married but the relationship was scarred by violent jealous arguments about money and property.

Harris had been married twice previously. Edna became jealous of his second wife and made him deliver a note which she had dictated telling his ex-wife not to be in the house when he visited his two young daughters.

On the day of the killing, Feb. 3, Harris went to see his children and when he found no one in returned home to Blackpool in a terrible mood, and Edna accused him of not being the children's father.

He decided to commit suicide. Later he saw his wife standing in the garage with a smirk on her face. "He lost control and took out the hammer to strike her repeatedly about the head."

Her body was found in Harris's car on the Great Orme headland near Llandudno, North Wales, after he gave himself up.

Harris had written a suicide note, which said "I am doing the world a favour by getting rid of such a cow. I am going to dispose of myself and at the same time take the bitch with me.

"Of all the women I have ever met in the past 50 years, Edna, her mother and her daughter are the most nasty and distasteful example of their sex I have ever encountered."

Mr JACK PRICE, Q C, defending, said "Mrs Harris was a lady of great violence who was also given to hysterics.

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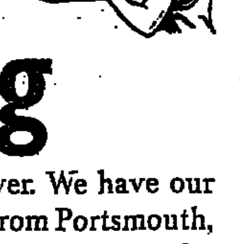

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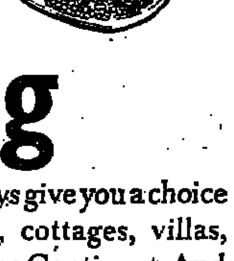

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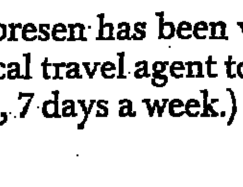

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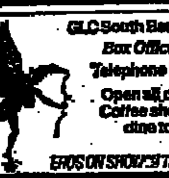

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Monday 15 July 7.45 pm	In the presence of H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent: LOUIS KENTNER 80th BIRTHDAY RECITAL Louis Kentner (piano). Beethoven Sonata in A flat, Op.110; Liszt Sonata in B minor; Chopin The four Ballades. £2.50, £4, £5.50, £7.50 *Harold Holt Ltd*
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Wednesday 17 July 7.45 pm	MUSICA ANTIQUA KOLN Reinhard Goebel (director). Handel Quartet in G, Op.5 No.4; Scarlatti/Avison Concerto No.5 in D for strings (arranged from keyboard sonatas); Scarlatti Sonatas; Bach Brandenburg Concerto No.5. £2.50, £4, £5.50 *Handel Tercentenary Festival (European Music Year)*
Thursday 18 July 7.45 pm	RAGLAN BAROQUE PLAYERS AND SINGERS Nicholas Kraemer (director) Lynne Dawson, Elizabeth Lane, Michael Chance, Charles Daniels. Handel Nisi Dominus; Concerto Grosso in B flat, Op.6 No.7; Concerto Grosso in B flat Op.3 No.2; Sonata a 5; Dixit Dominus. £2.50, £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £7 *Handel Tercentenary Festival (EMY)*
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Tuesday 9 July 7.30 pm	MAGGIE COLE (harpsichord) Scarlatti Six Sonatas; Soler Fandango; Bach Six Preludes and Fugues from The 48; Ligeti Continuum. £2, £3, £4 *Robert White*
Thursday 11 July 7.30 pm	NG LAI MING (soprano) Peter Gill (piano) Lieder, Chansons and Songs by Schubert, Wolf, Strauss, Fauré, Debussy and Rachmaninov, and Chinese Folk Songs. £1.80, £2.30, £3 *Grapevine Concert Management*
Friday 12 July 7.30 pm	ANNA MARIA STANCZYK (piano) Chopin Scherzo No.1 in B minor; Beethoven Sonata in C sharp minor, Op.27 No.2 (Moonlight); Grieg Sonata; Szymanowski Four Polish Dances; Scheherazade (from Masques, Op.34); Rachmaninov Two Preludes; Liszt Mazeppa. £2, £4, £5 *Helen Jennings Concert Agency*

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Tuesday 9 July 7.30 p.m.	RUGGIERO RICCI violin £5, £4, £3, £2 Wigmore Summer Nights	J. S. Bach: The Sonatas and Partitas for Unaccompanied Violin 1st of 2 concerts. Sonata No.3 in A minor BWV1003; Partita No.1 in B minor BWV1002; Sonata No.3 in C BWV 1005.
Wednesday 10 July 7.30 p.m.	ROTH QUARTET £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80 Terry Slasberg Agency	Haydn: String Quartet in G Op.77 No.1; Tippett: String Quartet No.2; Beethoven: String Quartet in C Op.59 No.3, "Rasumovsky."
Thursday 11 July 7.30 p.m.	PHILIP PILKINGTON piano £4, £3·20, £2·50, £1·80	Bach: Partita No.4 in D BWV828; Haydn: Sonatas No.49 in C sharp minor, No.46 in E, No.45 in E flat; Beethoven: Sonata in C Op.53 "Waldstein."
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NORTH-SOUTH HOUSE PRICES GAP WIDENING

By RICHARD NORTHEDGE City Staff

A WIDENING gap between house prices at each end of the country is being highlighted by the building societies, as the effects of the miners' strike continues to depress the housing markets in the North and Midlands.

While property prices in London have risen by an average of more than 16 per cent. during the past 12 months according to the Halifax, the country's largest building society, prices elsewhere have fallen.

According to the Abbey National, the next biggest society, average prices are lower now than they were a year ago in many areas.

These include the West Midlands, Wales, Yorkshire and Humberside, the North-West, Northern Ireland and worst-affected, the North, where the average property sold this year cost 3·4 per cent. or £550 less *than last summer.*

All the societies have found the same wide difference between North and South. The Abbey puts London's increase at 12·4 per cent. against the Halifax's 16 per cent., and the Leeds Permanent calculations show a 14 per cent. increase in the capital. Between them, the three finance about 40 per cent. of the country's house sales.

Last night a Halifax building society economist, Mr David Gilchrist, said: "The house price gap cannot continue indefinitely to widen, but as yet, we cannot tell how large that gap can become."

He suggests that workers in the South will be ruluctant to move North in the fear that their property will not keep pace with inflation, and that they will never be able to afford to move South again.

Terrace house

"For as long as the gap continues to widen, those living in the South-East might hesitate to accept even a temporary posting outside that region," he said.

The society quoted the example of what would have happened to a family living in a three-bedroom semi in the South East if it had had to move North for job reasons in January 1983.

The semi would have been sold for £52,000 and for the same money the family could have bought a three-bedroom detached house in Yorkshire. After two years the family could sell the Yorkshire home for £54,000 and move back South.

But the £54,000 would now buy only a terrace house in the South-east. To buy back the original semi would cost an extra £7,000 and to buy a detached house similar to that in Yorkshire an extra £25,500.

Abbey National figures put the average price of homes bought by first-time buyers in London during the past three months at £57,327—with other buyers in the capital paying £57,991.

In the North, however, the cost of the first-timers' average home has fallen to £18,364 and other buyers' homes to £28,048.

'BARBARIC' COUPLE BURNED SONS

A "WICKED and barbaric" couple who burnt their two sons with cigarettes were jailed at Peterborough Crown Court yesterday, three years after forcing another boy to drive a wooden stake into his foot.

During the trial Dr ALAN LEAMAN, a Peteroborough Hospital Registrar, said the two boys aged two and 10 months could be physically and emotionally scarred for life. He counted 12 separate burns on the toddler and more on the baby.

The man and his eight-months pregnant wife told police they burnt the boys to make them behave.

Mr RICHARD LATHAM, prosecuting said that the couple, whose anonyority was ordered to protect the children, were jailed in 1982 after being found guilty of cruelty to the man's seven-year-old stepson.

He said the man tied that boy to a bed for long periods and once picked him up and threw him against a wall while the mother looked on.

Stake in foot

The boy was once required to hit a piece of pointed wood into his own foot using a boot. This was done in the presence of the wife, said Mr Latham.

In the latest case the court heard how the man described punishing the two-year-old.

"However hard you hurt him he just stood there and didn't take any notice," he said in a statement to police which Mr Latham rtad in court.

"If he played me up, I threatened to burn him and I would just tap his with a cigarette end to get him to behave."

The couple were convicted of intentionally causing grievous bodily harm, the man against the two-year-old, and the mother against both children. They had denied all charges.

'Wicked act'

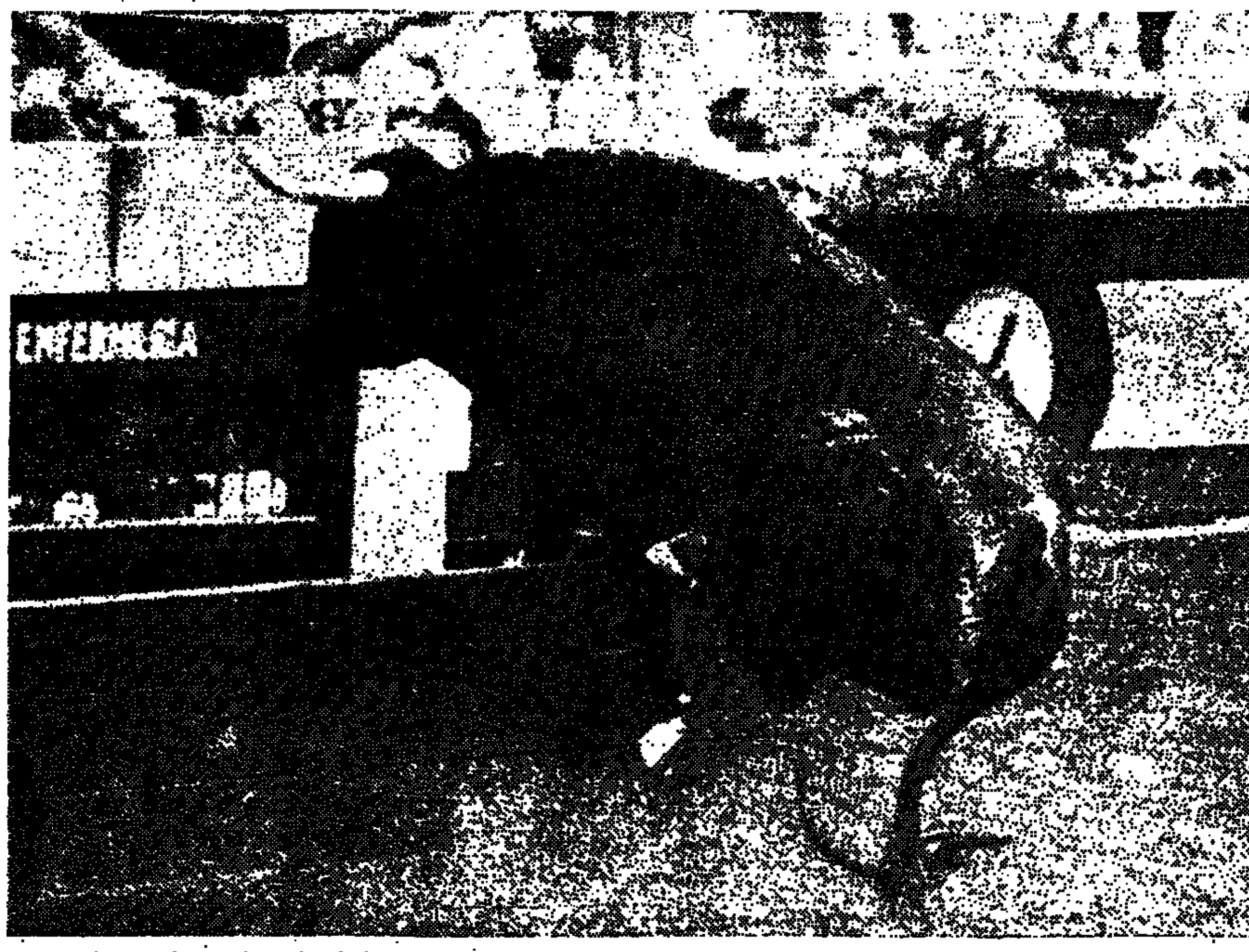
Jailing the man for five years, the Recorder Mr ALAN TAYLOR said: "To do that to a child under the age of three could only be regarded as a most wicked and barbaric act of cruelty."

Sentencing the woman to four years, he said: "Anyone listening to such an appalling statement of facts must be revolted that a mother should be party to this sort of cruel and barbaric act."

The two children in the latest case and the 10-month-old's twin brother are in care.

WELSH RUPEES

An order to "strike" 500 million Indian one rupee coins has been won by the Royal Mint at Llandtrisant, near Cardiff, and will ensure 12 months work for the 1,000 employees. A pound is worth about 16 rupees.



Almost the end of the fight — but the bull did not quite make it over the wall in Madrid yesterday.

Yesterday in Parliament

BAN ON KERB CRAWLING

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

FROM September fines of up to £2,000 could be imposed on drivers who solicit women in their cars, following the passage through Parliament yesterday of a Private Members' Bill introduced by Miss JANET FOOKES (C, Plymouth Drake).

The Bill to outlaw kerb crawling could get its Royal Assent as early as next week, and be law within two months.

Despite last minute support from one of the measure's major critics, Mr Tony Marlow (C., Northampton N.), who feared that innocent men might be prosecuted, M Ps accepted Lords amendments.

The Lords had shared his concern that the Bill could be used against innocent men who merely stopped a woman in their car to ask the way, so they amended the Bill to apply to men who solicited "persistently."

However, Mr MARLOW was still unhappy with this and wanted a full debate on the matter. He was particularly irritated by a second Lords amendment giving a woman redress if she suffered nuisance from a single approach by a kerb-crawler.

Filibuster fears

It had been widely feared that he would attempt to filibuster proceedings, and if he had talked out the Bill it would have been lost forever, and yesterday was the last allotted day for Private Members' Bills.

However, Miss FOOKES accepted the Lords amendments as "a reasonable compromise," and Mr MELLOR, Junior Home Office Minister, assured Mr Marlow that the law would be applied to meet his "perfectly legitimate" concern.

He acknowledged fears that the lives of innocent men could be frighted by the misinterpretation of one incident by "overzealous policemen", and proposed that prosecutions under the Bill should require evidence either from the woman herself or from someone in the neighbourhood, "save in exceptional circumstances".

Important effect

Under the Bill's terms, men who solicit women persistently in their cars will receive fines of up to £400, and if they do so in a frightening manner the penalty could be as much as £2,000.

Another important effect of the Bill is to raise the maximum sentence for attempted rape from seven years to life imprisonment.

Yesterday Miss FOOKES was delighted that the Bill would become law. She said: "I hope this will bring immediate relief in Bedford Hill, parts of Tooting, Southampton and in any my own constituency of Plymouth Drake."

THIRD READING FOR SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT BILL

By Our Parliamentary Staff

The Copyright (Computer Software) Amendment Bill, a private member's measure which extends the copyright protection for books to computer programs, completed its passage through Parliament yesterday, and awaits Royal Assent.

A bill introduced by Mr MICHAEL McNAIR-WILSON (C., Newbury) to ensure that health authorities have a complaints procedure for hospital patients, also completed its final parliamentary stages.

A third Private Member's Bill which finished its stages and awaits Royal Assent provides for greater public access to local authority meetings and documents. The House rose at 3.07 p.m.

Stansted Airport just 'a white elephant'

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

STANSTED Airport was a white elephant, and further development there was unnecessary *when only 500,000 passengers a year were using an* airport with a capacity to serve two million, Baroness BURTON OF COVENTRY told peers yesterday.

Plans for it to go ahead, plus Government resistance to a second Gatwick runway, were fundamental policy flaws, she said in a debate on the Government's airports policy.

She condemned cross-subsidies of £8 a head for passengers who used Stanstead, which had a £3·88 million operating deficit last year.

It was good to note by implication that the Government had at last condemned the British Airport Auhroitt

Airport Authority's cross-subsidies policy. Mr Ridley should call for it to stop now.

Lady BURTON said that when the decision was taken in June 1954 to make Gatwick a major international airport, the then Minister of Transport, Lord Bod-Carpenter, had designated it as a two-runway airport, and world experience had showed that two runways were essential for any major airport.

She deplored Government decisions which had prevented the laying of teh second runway.

'Plenty of room'

Expert opinion held that, even with its present 14·2 million passengers a year, peak-time congestion on the Gatwick runway was severe and could delay departures by an hour or more.

There was plenty of room to the south or south west of the airport for a second runway. Eventually it would have to come, and the cost would be les than development at Stansted.

Opening the debate, Lord TREFGARNE, Government Spokesman on Air Transport, said that airport capacity in the South-East had to be improved to meet a projected shortfall in the 1990s. It could only be provided at the right time by development at Stansted.

Lord UNDERHILL, Opposition Front Bench spokesman, argued that some limit had to be set to demand in the South-East.

Increasing capacity at Stansted to an eventual 15 million would be unacceptable.

While civil aviation was vital to this country further development in the South-east could not go on unabated. There would be bitterness in both the Midlands and the North if so much money was once again allowed for development there.

'Only way'

Lord BOYD-CARPENTER (C), a former British Airports Authority chairman, said airlines and their passengers could not be forced to go to places where they did not want to go simply by providing a nice airport there, and most long-haul travellers wanted to go to London.

Urgent development of Stansted there was the only way to deal with the immediate problem of the 1990s. However, it was essential in the national interest to make the fullest use of Heath Row and to have a second Gatwick runway.

Replying to the debate, Lord TREFGARNE said that charges at Stansted would increase steeply as soon as construction work began there. There was no intention that it should make continuing losses.

While it had been said that it would be a mistake not to have a second Gatwick runway, it would be equally mistaken to take no account of the problems involved for Horley and Crawley, or for Charwood Village, where people's homes would probably disappear. A second runway there was neither desirable nor practicable.

Left make gains in Chief Whip's seat

By LIN JENKINS

THE Labour Chief Whip, Mr Michael Cocks's, hopes of holding on to his seat have faded, after Left-wingers strengthened their hold on the Bristol South branch.

Despite disappointment that the challenge by his supporters to the Left-wing officers seeking re-election failed at the annual general meeting, he has given no hint that he intends to abandon the fight.

But, with the group continuing in power, it seems unlikely that he would win a reselection battle to stand as their prospective candidate at the next General Election.

His supporters believe that they could still challenge what they see as procedural anomalies, as happened 18 months' ago when Mr Cocks threatened legal action over a meeting and demanded an inquiry by the national executive committee.

They ruled that the 1984 meeting must be held again, a decision that fuelled the animosity between the Left-wing and supporters of Mr Cocks. The five major posts in the local party have been held by those in office, who were all reselected by majorities of between 25 and 30, an increase on last year when the results were very close.

Mr Cocks—who has held the seat for 15 years and is the only Labour MP in the West Country—still feels he may have a chance of winning a reselection battle.

A resolution by the National Union of Labour Clubs is to be put to party conference in September, calling for votes to be taken among the whole constituency membership, rather than just the delegates. Were this implemented, Mr Cocks would be at an advantage, as he is well liked within the constituency.

Mr Fred Pidgeon, a leading supporter of Mr Cocks and a Bristol councillor, said: "We were disappointed by the result but there are still several courses of action we can take. It is early days to start talking about them and nobody should be predicting his future."

The reselection process will probably begin in the autumn, but the Left-wingers have made it clear that they want a new candidate whose thinking is more in line with theirs.

LIQUIDATIONS UP

By Our Political Staff

The number of company liquidations in England and Wales between May 1980 and May 1985 were 61,190, compared to 30,511 in the five years from 1974, Mr Fletcher, Junior Trade and Industry Minister, said yesterday in a Commons written reply.

BBC PEACE PRIZE

BBC Television's "Heart of the Matter" series was awarded the 1984 United Nations Association media peace prize yesterday. The prize is for the group making the greatest media contribution to awakening public awarenes of peace issues.

ASIAN IN BRENT LINE-UP

By Our Political Staff

AN interesting Labour reselection process, takes place next week in the London constituency of Brent North.

The seat is held by Dr Rhodes Boyson, Junior Northern Ireland Minister, and it has been targeted by Labour as a possible marginal at the next election.

An Asian nominee, Mr Praful Patel, 46, is believed to be the favourite.

His selecion would certainly please the Labour leadership who are anxious to head off a row at this year's party conference in Bournemouth on black sections.

The more candidates who are selected without assistance from a black section will add to their argument that such groups are unnecessary within *the party and would further* dividt the party instead of uniting members.

Main rival

Mr Patel, an investment adviser and consultant working mainly with Third World countries, has been a member of the party since 1959, is a prominent campaigner for immigrants' rights, and was formerly a member of the Ugandan Resettlement Board.

His main rial on the short-list of four is Mr Tom Bryson, 36, a Labour councillor for Wembley and a former Labour group leader for Brent. He is an Inland Revenue tax inspector.

The two other candidates are miss Debbie Sander, 33, an education officer at the Commonwealth Institute, who fought Lewes, East Sussex, at the last election, and Miss Sandra Ernistoff, 26, a local government officer and former chairman of Brent North constituency party.

The neighbouring consituencies of Brent South and Brent East have both recently held controversial selection processes.

Mr Kenneth Livingstone beat the sitting MP, Mr Reg Freeson, for the nomination for Brent East, and two weeks ago Mr Paul Boateng, Left-wing chairman of the GLC police committee, secured the safe seat of Brent South, in succession to Mr Laurie Pavitt MP who is to retire.

General Election: The results at the last election in Brent North were: Boyson, R. (Con.) 24,842; Jackson, Miss S. (Lab.) 10,191; Mann, T. (SDP/Lib Alliance) 9,082. Con. maj. 14,651.

NHS DENTISTS EARNED OVER £200,000

Two NHS dentists in Britain earned more than £200,000 last year, and 279 topped £100,000, according to figures released by the Health Minister, Mr Clarke, yesterday.

Most received between 30,000 and £60,000. The figures are gross and do not include the expenses of their practices; but they do include the earnings of their assistants.

The figures, contained in a Commons written reply to Mr Willie Hamilton (Lab. Fife Central), came the day after the Commons Public Accounts Committee called for closer scrutiny of dentists' salaries. One dentist was said to have earned £241,590 last year, while 2,943 earned between £40,000 and £50,000.

'ELECTED LORDS' BILL FAILS

By Our Parliamentary Staff

A Labour backbencher's Bill to replace the present composition of the House of Lords with 400 "regional representatives" elected every five years by single transferable votes failed to make progress in the Commons yesterday.

The brief debate had automatically to be adjourned and the Bill, introduced by Dr John Markey (Lab., Wrexham), has no chance of making headway.

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U.S. MOVE FOR AIR BOYCOTT COLLAPSES

By JOHN BULLOCH in Nicosia

THE American attempt to isolate Beirut airport and halt the activities of Middle East Airlines, the Lebanese national carrier, almost collapsed yesterday when a group of European countries told the Lebanese they would not take part in the proposed boycott.

Reports from Beirut said the Lebanese Foreign Ministry called in the European Ambassadors to complain about American efforts to isolate Beirut airport.

But the representatives of France, Switzerland and Greece, with some others, all said they would allow Middle East airlines to go on flying to their countries.

Arab states also told the Lebanese they had no intention of stopping M E A flights.

Eager Greece

Greece was especially eager that M E A should go on flying to Athens, and offered to take extra flights. The Greek Government was particularly incensed when America criticised security at Athens airport and advised Americans not to travel there.

Britain, which was among the countries called to the Lebanese Foreign Ministry, was non-committal. Mrs Thatcher has said she would welcome moves to isolate Beirut, but wanted them taken by all European partners, rather than unilaterally.

With his country behind him for the first time in months, President Gemayel of Lebanon went on to the attack yesterday, and in a conversation with the American Ambassador, Mr Reginald Bartholomew, threatened that Lebanon would try to get the Arab Transport Federation to respond to any American boycott.

The White House meanwhile said that President Reagan believed that President Assad of Syria, who was thanked by Mr Reagan for his efforts in helping to resolve the T W A hostage crisis, could help to win release of the remaining seven American hostages in Lebanon.

The President's National Security Adviser, Mr Robert McFarlane, said yesterday that Mr Assad had "acted constructively in the hostage situation." He added that Mr Reagan planned to work with Mr Assad again to secure the release of the seven.

"We have reason to believe that Syria is making an effort to play a positive role," the State Department said.

The United States also expressed concern yesterday for the safety of Americans in Sudan following improved Sudanese-Libyan relations and an influx of Libyans into Sudan.

The State Department said that Libya's "well-known involvement in supporting terrorism" had heightened concern there about the security of the American Embassy. The United States was taking "all appropriate measures."

The new military leadership in Khartoum is reported to have told America it can no longer keep track of all the Libyans in Sudan.

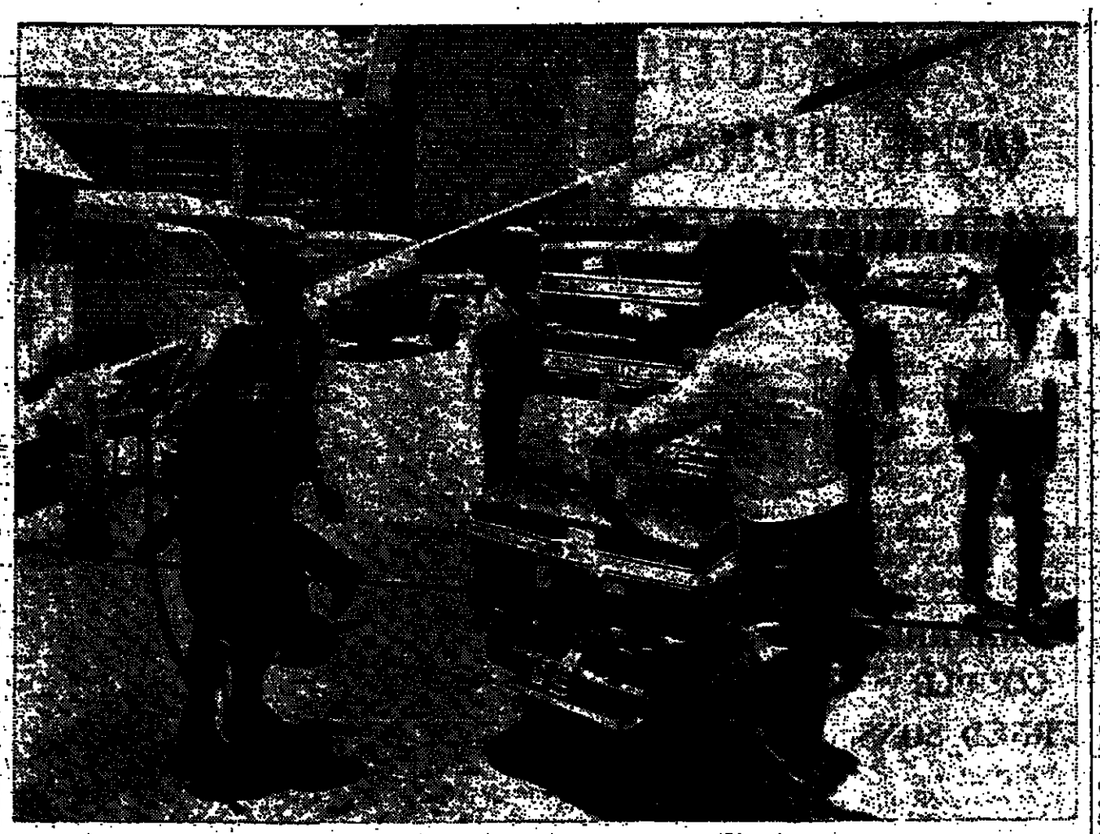
RISK 'VERY HIGH'

Americans warned

RICHARD BERSTON in Washington writes: The United States again warned Americans yesterday to leave Lebanon, and continued to call for closure of Beirut international airport until it was freed from terrorism.

The State Department spokesman, calling on all American citizens to leave Lebanon and advising no Americans to travel there, said the risk to American citizens was "very high." No one should consider themselves immune.

He refused to comment on reports that the Arab League and some West European countries opposed American moves to close Beirut airport. Consultations with allies and interested Governments were "continuing."



Lebanese soldiers manning a checkpoint at Beirut airport yesterday amid improved security in the wake of recent skyjackings.

Pledge on Tamils aids East-West German relations

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

DELICATE East-West German relations t[illegible] a step forward yesterday with East Be[illegible] agreeing to stem the flow of Tamil refug[illegible] to the West and Bonn extending its inter[illegible] free "swing credit" for inter-German trade.

Bonn officials hope that in the wake of the superpower summit in November, Herr Honecker, East German leader, will make a pioneering trip to West Germany.

A further normalisation of relations between the two Germanies is expected to follow.

A spokesman for the East German Transport Ministry confirmed yesterday that the State airline Interflug had agreed that any travellers from Sri Lanka without valid documents or visas would be sent back.

Unacceptable figure

Thousands of Third World refugees have been using Schönefeld airport, outside East Berlin, as a back door to West Berlin where they apply for asylum.

Latest figures show that almost 12,000 foreigners, including 4,100 Sri Lankans, applied for asylum in West Berlin in the first half of this year, almost as many in the whole of 1984, when 3,900 Sri Lankans sought sylum there.

Chancellor Kohl said the influx of foreigners via Schönefeld was "wholly unacceptable" and put the figure of illegal immigrants who came this way at 17,000 in the five months this year.

Reflecting the progress m[illegible] in talks with East Berlin [illegible] stemming the flow, B[illegible] announced yesterday that it h[illegible] increased the interest-fr[illegible] "swing credit" to DM850 mi[illegible]ion (£212,500,000) from DM6[illegible] (£150 million) to run for a five-year period until 1990.

The credit has long been held as a barometer of the climate of East-West German relations and Herr Friedhelm Ost, West German Government spokesman, said the signing of the agreement in East Berlin yesterday was a "stabilising element" in political relations.

5-year plan

The purpose of the "swing" is to promote trade between the two Germanies. West German firms, particularly in the investment goods sector, are expecting it to receive a new impulse from the East German five-year-plan that begins next year.

Trade between the two States totalled Dm15,500 million (£3,900 million) in 1984 and was up 10 per cent. in the first quarter of this compared with a year ago.

In 1984 West German exports slipped by six per cent. to Dm 7,300 million (£1,800,000) while imports from East Germany rose nine per cent. to Dm8,200 billion.

Chancellor Kohl reported that the number of East Germans allowed to visit the West on urgent family business had risen 18 per cent. in the first five months of this year compared with the same period in 1984.

Mugabe set for easy poll victory

By JAMES MacMANUS in Harare

MR ROBERT MUGABE'S ruling Zanu-PF party was heading for an easy victory in Zimbabwe's General Election last night, winning 16 of the first 17 seats declared.

The Prime Minister has said he is confident of winning between 65 and 70 of the 80 common roll seats in the 100 member assembly.

His party currently holds 57 seats but early results showed that Bishop Abel Muzorewa's United African National Council was likely to lose its three members of Parliament.

Attention has therefore been focused on how many seats Zanu-P F can capture from Dr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu party, which has 20 members of Parliament.

Nkomo heartland

Mr Mugabe and his Ministers have campaigned energetically in the troubled Matabeleland region which is the heartland of Dr Nkomo's supporters and sends 15 representatives to Parliament.

The real battle between Mr Mugabe and Dr Nkomo centres on the Midlands, which gave the Zapu leader four seats in the last Parliament under the proportional representation system used in the 1980 independence elections.

Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Simon Muzenda won a comfortable victory in the midlands capital of Gweru, polling 25,552 against 5,708 for his Zapu opponent.

But the first results showed the tide running just as strongly against the Government party in Matabeleland, pointing to the powerful support that Dr Nkomo still commands in the south and west.

2 doctors who treated Biko found guilty

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Johannesburg

TWO doctors who treated Steve Biko, the South African Black Consciousness leader, before his death in police custody eight years ago were found guilty yesterday by a medical inquiry into their conduct.

The South African Medical and Dental Council found Dr Benjamin Tucker guilty of 10 counts that his professional conduct had been disgraceful in the treatment of Mr Biko.

The 64-year-old doctor, who was a district surgeon in Port Elizabeth at the time of Mr Biko's death, was suspended from the medical roll for three months but the sentence was suspended for two years. The inquiry was told he is due to retire next year.

Dr Ivor Lang, who was Chief District Surgeon in Port Elizabeth at the time, was found guilty of improper conduct. He was cautioned and reprimanded by Prof Frans Geldenhuys, leader of the inquiry.

Prof Geldenhuys said the panel of five doctors and one judge found the 10 allegations of disgraceful conduct against Dr Tucker proved. On three other allegations he was found guilty of improper conduct.

Most of the allegations related to Dr Tucker's actions on Sept 11, 1977, when he gave his permission to the security police to transport Mr Biko 800 miles in the back of a Land Rover, despite the physical condition of his patient.

Mr Biko, 31, died the following day. An inquest found he died of a brain injury, probably sustained in a scuffle with the police who were interrogating him before the two doctors were first called in.

Prof. Geldenhuys told Dr Tucker: "It is the committee's view that your actions manifested a degree of negligence which warrants a finding of disgraceful conduct."

The council found that Dr Tucker failed to object to the patient being transported to Pretoria, that he failed to ascertain further advice from other doctors on Mr Biko's condition and that he failed to conduct a proper examination of the patient.

Arguing in mitigation of sentence, Mr Louis Harms, the doctors' counsel, said the emotional impact on both men had been extreme during the past eight years during which the Press, the profession, and the public had "taken their pound of flesh."

Mr Biko's widow, Nontsikelelo, said at her home in King Williams Town, in the Eastern Cape she was happy the truth of her husband's death had finally emerged. But she expected the sentences to be heavier," she said.

The doctors should have treated her husband like any other patient, she said.

Dr Lang, 60, was found guilty of improper conduct on eight allegations, including issuing the police with a misleading certificate, declaring that he could make no pathological finding on the patient, and writing a misleading letter.

Not guilty finding

Prof. Geldenhuys said that, although both doctors should have made a greater effort to ensure that Mr Biko was placed in circumstances where he could be more adequately observed, they were not guilty of subordinating the patient's interests to those of the security police.

The doctors had been found not guilty on this charge "because of your understanding of the security procedures existing at the time and because the advice you received (from other medical practitioners) contributed to your mistaken view that your patient was not seriously ill."

News Round-up

AUSTRALIA JUDGE CONVICTED

By DENIS WARNER in Melbourne

AN Australian High Court judge, Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, 62, has been convicted of one charge of trying to pervert justice and acquitted of another.

The jury of eight women and four men reached their verdict after nearly 22 hours of deliberation and three requests to Mr Justice Cantor for directions and re-reading of evidence.

The offence carries a maximum sentence of two years' imprisonment. Sentence will not be given until after an appeal is heard on July 18. Murphy was remanded on his own surety until then.

Murphy pleaded not guilty to both charges, which related to conspiracy charges against a Sydney solicitor, Mr Morgan Ryan. Murphy was convicted of trying to influence Mr Clarrie Brieze, Chief Stipendiary Magistrate of New South Wales, and acquitted of trying to influence Mr Justice Paul Flannery.

Transport problems in drought States

The drought which brought famine to 21 African States has ended in eight of them but transport problems are hampering distribution of aid in others, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation said yesterday.

A report said this year's main season harvests in Burundi, Kenya, Lesotho, Morocco, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe had been good but port congestion and lack of transport were hitting Ethiopia, Sudan, Chad, Mali and Niger.

All Blacks punished over tour plan

Two New Zealand Test rugby players, David Kirk and Craig Green, were stripped of university sporting blues because they agreed to tour South Africa with the All Blacks, university authorities said yesterday.

Five other All Blacks are likely to lose their jobs in the public service because the Government will not grant them special leave for the tour, which starts later this month.

Big rent rises

Some tenants in Portugal face rent increases of more than 800 per cent under legislation lifting a 52-year rent freeze going back to the year that the late Right-wing dictator, Antonio Salazar, came to power. City rents set before 1955 can now rise by up to 842 per cent, the law says.

Airports strike call

Firemen at major Australian airports were yesterday urged to join a strike by 75 colleagues who walked out at Sydney airport on Monday in a dispute over manning and hours. Thousands of air travellers have been stranded.

Timor guerrilla attack

Separatist guerrillas have killed or wounded 20 to 35 Indonesian troops in one of the fiercest clashes in East Timor for several years, diplomats in Jakarta said yesterday. The guerrillas are with the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor.

100 river deaths

At least 100 people were believed drowned in Bangladesh when a river launch capsized in the southern district of Khulna. The launch was in collision with another launch.

Korean peace move

North Korea has agreed to a South Korean proposal for a meeting on July 25 to pave the way for a formal parliamentary contact concerning peace on the Korean peninsula, a North Korean broadcast said yester-

Mid-September date for EEC negotiations

By JOHN LICHFIELD in Brussels

THE special negotiations on development and strengthening of the Common Market ordered by a sharply divided E E C summit in Milan are likely to begin in September.

Strenuous efforts are being made by the Luxembourg government, which now holds the E E C Council presidency, to speed the formal procedures for convening a conference to revise the Treaty of Rome.

Despite delaying tactics by Denmark and Greece the European parliament is expected to give its assent next Tuesday, followed by EEC Foreign Ministers and the Brussels Commission on July 23.

This would theoretically allow the Luxembourgers to call an immediate conference, but the traditional EEC August break dictates a starting date in mid-September.

The Danes and Greeks, who joined Mrs Thatcher in opposing the calling of the meeting in Milan, have protested that the haste of the seven pro-conference Governments could cause another row.

'More relaxed'

But Britain is taking a more relaxed view. According to British sources in Brussels the Government remains opposed to the conference but accepts that it will now take place and has no objection to an early date.

On their second day in office on Tuesday the Luxembourgers sent round a formal note suggesting a conference. They also pressed for a rubber-stamp decision to be taken without discussion at a meeting of E E C Finance Ministers in Brussels next Monday.

Britain accepted this procedure, but Denmark and Greece objected, forcing a debate by E E C Foreign Ministers on July 22 and 23.

The Luxembourg note called for a conference to revise the Rome Treaty to improve decision-making by Governments, strengthen the E E C Commission's executive powers, increase the European Parliament's powers, and extend Community policies.

To answer Mrs Thatcher's objection that the special conference was an excuse for avoiding decisions on immediate streamlining of E E C decision-making it was decided that Foreign Ministers should continue discussing immediate changes, including a restriction of veto rights, at the July 22 and 23 meeting.

CHINA MAY LIFT 'ONE CHILD' RULE

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

CHINA is preparing to relax its birth control policy after evidence that the stipulation of one-child per couple is beginning to slow down population growth.

According to a new survey the nation now has 35 million one-child families, or 21 per cent. of the total of women of child-bearing age.

The birth rate fell last year by one per cent. per thousand people. About one in five of all women of child-bearing age are now thought to have two children, with another 20 per cent. having three or more.

Peking's goal is to hold the population to 1·2 billion by the turn of the century.

The government is now allowing local economic, religious and cultural factors to be taken into account.

Boy's importance

For instance, in Kwangtung province near Hongkong, families can have a second child if their first born is a girl. A boy is often vital to peasant families who need manual labour to work the land.

In Kiangsu, China's most densely-populated province women in the 15 to 49 age group now produce an average of 1·44 children a year with the birth rate falling by two-thirds since family planning was launched there in 1971.

However there are still about 600 people crammed into every square kilometre.

In Peking a baby is still born every four minutes

Ban space weapons, Gorbachev tells U.S.

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

THE REAGAN administration must make "the only right decision" and ban space weapons, Mr Gorbachev, Russian leader, told the American Union of Concerned Scientists yesterday.

He said that the Soviet Union would definitely not be the first to deploy space weapons.

"What is essential now as never before is a far-sighted policy based on the understanding of realities and of the dangers which we shall inevitably encounter tomorrow, if today those who can and must make the only right decision evade the responsibility which rests with them," he said.

He recalled that Moscow was seeking at the Geneva arms talks a full ban on the development, testing and deployment of space attack systems.

Russia was applying a two-year-old unilateral moratorium on placing anti-satellite weapons in outer space and had proposed a total ban on such weapons.

"The Soviet Union is not developing attack space weapons or a large-scale anti-ballistic missile system," said Mr Gorbachev.

He called on Washington to give up plans for a space defence strategy which he said would wreck the 1972 U S-Soviet anti-ballistic missile treaty. He called the treaty "the key link in the entire process of nuclear arms limitation."

Space weapons are expected to be high on the Agenda when the American and Russian leaders meet in Geneva

Mr Gorbachev was replying to a call from the Union of Concerned Scientists to him and to President Reagan to outlaw weapons in space.

CAMBODIA A FOCUS OF SHULTZ TRIP

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

MR SHULTZ, American Secretary of State, who began an Asian tour yesterday, is to support South-East Asian efforts to end the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia.

State Department officials say his main purpose will be to attend a meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, next Thursday and Friday of the Foreign Ministers of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, which comprise the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Mr Shultz is expected to pledge continued American backing for the ASEAN-led effort for a political settlement in Cambodia, occupied since 1979 by the Vietnamese communists.

Military aid possible

Before the meeting he is to visit Thailand. He will also meet non-Communist Cambodian resistance leaders, who may receive small-scale American military aid if Congress approves.

But in his South-East Asian talks Mr Shultz is expected to resist urgings that America do more to end the Cambodian conflict.

From Kuala Lumpur Mr Shultz goes to Australia, where his talks with Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, will replace the Foreign Ministers meeting of Anzus cancelled because of New Zealand's ban on American "nuclear" warships.

PACT MANOEUVRES

Warsaw Pact manoeuvres involving 25,000 Soviet, Hungarian and Czech troops ended in Hungary yesterday, the M T I news agency reported in Budapest.—Reuter.

SOVIET SPACE STATION 'REACTIVATED'

By Nigel Wade in Moscow

The two-man crew of the orbital station Salyut-7 complete one month in space today and are reported to have finished work to bring the station out of "mothballs". Salyut-7 was last occupied in October—by a three-man crew who spent a record 34 weeks in space.

The present crew, the mission commander, Vladimir Dzhanibekov, on his fifth space flight, and the engineer, Viktor Savinykh, have been checking and restoring the vital systems of Salyut-7.

They have replaced three sets of storage batteries with new ones sent up by an unmanned space freighter, according to the Tass news agency. Other instruments and parts have been renewed, and the living compartments have been repressurised with oxygen sent up in the cargo capsule.

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By Our Washington Staff

Unemployment remained steady in America at 7·3 per cent. in June for the fifth successive month, weakening hopes that the economy was strongly recovering. There were 8,400,000 Americans out of work.

STUDENT DEMO AGAINST 'DEATH SQUADS'

By Our Staff Correspondent in Johannesburg

White students demonstrated in Johannesburg yesterday against the murders and abductions of leading members of the United Democratic Front, the South African umbrella organisation for anti-apartheid groups.

About 150 students brandished placards with slogans such as "Stop Right-wing death squads" and "Who is next?" This follows the discovery of four mutilated and burned bodies of United Democratic Front officials near Port Elizabeth, Eastern Cape Province, including that of Mr Matthew Goniwe, known as a political activist.

The Front says at least 27 activists connected with it are missing and that 11 have been murdered in mysterious circumstances.

Loyal troops foil coup by former premier

LOYAL Guinean troops have failed an ill-organised coup by Diarra Traore, former Prime Minister, who is now in hiding, official sources said yesterday.

Witnesses said several people were wounded, some seriously, as troops flushed rebels out of Conakry radio station, which they had held for several hours.

The rebels announced the overthrow of President Lansana Conte, but failed to take control of other key buildings.

Traore went on the radio to say he headed a "Supreme State Council" which would end "nepotism and economic sabotage." He wanted reforms including the devaluation of Guinea's near-worthless currency, the syli.

Police support

Official sources said President Conte was now rushing home from Togo where he had been chairing a meeting of West African leaders.

They said Traore, 50, whose job as Prime Minister was scarpped in a Government reshuffle last December, was supported by police units. He was also backed by some

unidentified members of the ruling Military Committee of National Recovery, they said.

Guinea's land, sea and air borders were sealed yesterday while the hunt for the rebel ringleaders continued. The army was conducting a house-to-house search in Conakry for Traore.

LANDSLIDES KILL 23

Landslides killed at least 23 people and several others were missing after torrential rain in South Korea esterday. Twenty-six people were seriously injured and more than 500 made homeless.—Reuter.

22 SHIPS PASSED DYING REFUGEES

By Our Geneva Correspondent

Nine Vietnamese refugees, including five children, died during 10 days in which 22 ships passed their drifting, powerless boat in the South China Sea, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said in Geneva yesterday. Two of the deaths were suicides.

The Greek vessel Andromeda, 3,300 tons picked up 21 refugees till alvie on June 27. One more died, and the rest were taken to Singapore After the refugees left Vietnam on June 7 their engine broke down.

PAKISTAN PRESS 'REMAINS FREE'

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Pakistan's Embassy in London yesterday refuted a claim by representatives of the Pakistan People's party, led by Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the executed former president, that the country's Press was censored.

The claim had been made by Miss Bhutto, who said the Government of President Zia-Ul-Haq was almost certain to fall as resentment grows against the authorities and martial law.

YUGOSLAVS MISS SHEVARDNADZE

By NIGEL WADE in Moscow

A Yugoslav delegation, led by the Prime Minister, Milka Planinc, left Moscow yesterday without meeting the new Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard Shevardnadze.

The Tass news agency said she went on a tour of the Soviet Union after meeting Communist party leader, Mr Gorbachev, and the Prime Minister, Mr Tikhonov.

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Sir David Lean (left), the film director, and (right) Mr Kenneth Grange, the industrial designer, at the Royal College of Art in London yesterday when they received Honorary Doctorates from the Provost, Sir Hugh Casson.

ANGER OVER 'BLACKS ONLY' HOUSING LIST

By A. J. McILROY

A WAITING list for homes owned by the Labour-controlled London borough of Islington is to be restricted to black applicants only.

Some families and opposition councillors claim that the action by the Islington Community Housing Co-operative is "blatant racism", discriminating against whites.

Mr David Hyams, leader of Islington's Social Democratic Group, has written to Mr Jenkin, Environment Minister, urging him to intervene.

He said: "They may call it positive discrimination to help black families but it amounts to racism, pure and simple.

"It's downright evil and, I am sure, must be illegal. It will infuriate thousands of white homeless."

Mr Hyams alleged that the co-operative was supported by the Labour Left, which dominated the council.

Under a long-standing agreement with the council the co-operative allocates nearly 200 houses a year, normally old council homes awaiting rehabilitation or demolition.

About 900 people, mainly single homeless people, have been given places often easing demand on property for families.

A group of black women squatted in the co-operative's offices in the spring to protest that they were not getting a fair deal for their applications for homes.

The new "blacks only" policy came to light this week when members of Islington Council Housing Committee received a two-page statement from the co-operative explaining the group's commitment to the needs of the black homeless.

Caused concern

A spokesman for the co-operative said there had been an imbalance in housing allocation working against blacks. "Our list is now open only to black people until that imbalance is redressed," he said.

The statement has caused some concern among Labour supporters anxious about resentment from white families.

Mr Chris Calnan, Labour chairman of the housing committee, said he had asked his officials to investigate the group's allocation policy and report to the committee's next meeting on Thursday.

A housing committee spokesman said last night that there were large numbers of black families and white families on the house waiting list of 8,000.

"But it is not council policy to give figures of the kind that would give the ratio of whites and blacks," he said.

Mr Calnan, Labour housing committee chairman, said last night he was unhappy at the way in which the co-operative had handled the situation. He added: "I have ordered an investigation to see whether what they have done is legal."

RATE-CAP 'LIES' ATTACKED

JOURNALISTS employed by the Labour-controlled Islington Borough Council have complained about being asked to "lie" during a £200,000 publicity campaign against rate capping.

The journalists who include the head of publicity Mr Roger Protz, who is leaving his £15,000-a-year job in August, have written to councillors protesting at the way the campaign was run.

They say they are "totally disillusioned and resentful of the scaremongering tactics adopted by threatening cuts which never materialised."

They add: "We believe that this sort of tactic has lost credibility for future campaigns and therefore think it vital to plan carefully political strategy to ensure we are not again forced into a position of seemingly lying to the consumer and can gather support for a genuine cause".

Non-co-operation warning

In the course of the campaign the council said that if it was forced to set a rate-capped Budget hundreds of jobs would go and swimming pools and libraries would close.

When the council set a rate within government limits on May 31, Mrs Margaret Hodge, council leader, said it would not mean the loss of a single job or service.

The journalists have warned the council that they will not co-operate with planned use a public relations firm to run another campaign in the run-up to next May's council elections.

Asked about the letter, Mrs Hodge said: "We have agreed negotiating arrangements with the trade unions. It is right and proper we should seek to those."

PASSENGER LINE FACES CLOSURE

The last passenger train scheduled to run on the Eridge-Tunbridge Wells line will leave for Eridge at 10.32 p.m. today.

British Rail is closing the line to passenger services but the Eridge line action group has asked for a judicial review of the closure, to be held on July 24.

North Sea cruises in tropical splendour

By JOHN PETTY Shipping Correspondent

A TROPICAL garden is to be included in a 2,000-passenger ship to start a new luxury-liner service between Britain and Oslo, the Norwegian capital, in September.

"Up to 500 passengers will be able to use the garden at any one time, getting a southern cruise feeling while on the North Sea," said a spokesman for Fred Olsen Line.

There will also be an atrium—a sun-trap of seats rising in semi-circle tiers rather like at an outdoor theatre of ancient Greece—in the 14,300-ton Braemar.

"We will bring to the North Sea standards never seen before and which we think are never likely to be exceeded," the spokesman said.

There will be departures every Saturday from Harwich to Oslo via Hirtshals, in northern Denmark. The 21-knot ship will include space for 436 cars or 56 laden lorries.

The Braemar will include four restaurants, four saunas, a swimming pool, nursery, dance floors, cafe, supermarket, children's playroom, a games room, a jogging track, a whirl-pool-solarium and a disco as well as bars. There will be round-the-clock service on board.

The service to Oslo will start on September 7, but the Braemar will start a summer run between Harwich and Kristiansand, in the south of Norway, in June.

Satellite pop concert for Peking

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

A BRITISH businessman is behind a venture to stage the first "live" television broadcast by satellite from Peking, a pop music show for transmission throughout the world.

Mr Geoffrey Petts, 42, from Pimlico, has spent two years setting up a 90-minute programme featuring John Denver, American folk singer.

After a concert at a Peking hotel Mr Denver said: "If it wasn't for Geoffrey, none of this would be happening. He has worked mightily hard to get this off the ground, and we're all hoping it will come off."

Despite the prospect of more than a million dollars filling the Communist coffers, the Chinese are still unwilling finally to agree a date, tentatively set for the beginning of September.

The authorities have been smarting from the adverse international publicity following a soccer stadium riot with its overtones of xenophobia.

Mr Denver, 41, wanted to perform before a million people in Tien An Men Square by the mausoleum where Mao Tse-tung lies.

He said: "Unfortunately this is not a very exciting idea for the Chinese. They are now nervous about a large crowd. With their recent riot experience. They are scared to death of it."

Negotiations were being finalised for a show with an audience of about 5,000 in the Temple of Heaven.

Observers believe the authorities are anxious to play safe on everything connected with pop music, particularly after police had to stop excited teenagers from dancing in aisles at a recent concert in Peking.

'Not the kind'

Mr Denver, who has sung in Moscow, says that people who like his music are the same all over the world and "not the kind who riot."

Mr Petts, whose company recently staged the British closed-circuit screening of the world middleweight boxing championship, said he originally planned to bring an English pop musician to China for the show. But the deal fell through.

Mr Denver was approached because of his wholesome clean-cut image, and the fact that he had already performed in Washington before Teng Hsiao-ping, the Chinese leader.

Western pop music previously practically outlawed as "spiritually polluting", is now the vogue in China, with pirated tapes openly played in cafes.

In Peking the authorities have started to allow shops to sell imported recordings of the Rolling Stones, although each cassette tape cost the equivalent of £9, a fortnight's wages for most Chinese.

HIPPIES IN DOLE OFFICE ROW

About 100 hippies beseiged the social security offices in Torquay yesterday to collect their £29·30 weekly dole. Police were called when they hurled a bucket of water over journalists and tried to attack a camera crew.

The hippies, all from the "Peace Convoy" which tried to hold a festival at Stonehenge, are in Devon for Hood Fair.

£750,000 police bill

The cost of the police operation when thousands of hippies attempted to invade Stonehenge for the summer solstice and later camped at Westbury White Horse was about £750,000, it was stated yesterday.

OIL BOREHOLE WINS GO-AHEAD

Shell UK was yesterday given permission to drill for oil less than two miles from Salisbury Cathedral despite objections by the Dean, the Very Rev. Sydney Evans, that the borehole at Waldron's Farm, Netherhampton, could affect water levels under the cathedral.

Permission for the 12-week exploratory operation was given by Wiltshire County Council after assurances by Wessex Water and the British Geographical Survey that the cathedral was in no danger.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Outdated sexist attitudes

SIR—In his letter of July 1 Mr F. Barter refers to a "long haul back". I would suggest that he is already halfway back to Victorian times in his attitude towards family life.

How dare he suggest to any woman that she should "get back into the home." I happen to practise a profession for which I have studied for many years, and from which I gain much satisfaction.

Although I do agree that something needs to be done about the general poor discipline given to children, I have living proof that children from families in which both the husband and wife work can be brought up with as much love and attention as any other child—our seven-year-old boy has a far greater sense of morals than many other children of his age.

I wonder if Mr Barter would be willing to take a cut in his income of over ten thousand pounds and give up a profession which he enjoyed and for which he had *studied for a long time*, only to be treated like a mindless moron incapable of thinking about anything but nappies. I think not. Obviously he thinks a woman's job couldn't possibly be that important.

Our next baby is due in December, and if I do give up my job, it will be a decision made between my husband and myself, taking into account our own needs.

I suggest that Mr Barter should be more worried about indoctrinating his children with his own outdated sexist attitudes.

B. GRAHAM
Neston, South Wirral.

Before television

SIR — So two distinguished academics at London University's Goldsmith College (report June 24) have found that four to five-year-old children at school punch each other and their teachers, scream unreasonably and squash berries into other toddlers' hair.

For this "classroom violence and disruptive behaviour", the study concluded, television is largely to blame.

What utter nonsense. At that age I was doing all those things and worse — ink in the preball-point era offered almost boundless opportunities for acts of ill-discipline — before television had even been invented.

A. L. PHELPS
Petersfield, Hants.

Fitting comment

SIR—What form of address asks Mr R. H. Cowdell (June 29).

"Dear Company" is particularly appropriate if, by chance, one is questioning the cost of its products.

J. HUTTON
Maidenhead, Berks.

SNAGS WITH A RESIDENT'S TAX

SIR—While one may agree with the half-hearted condemnation of the suggested "residents' charge" (Commentary June 22), I am entirely opposed to the idea that there is still a lot to be said for a property tax.

"Cheap to collect"—with rent and rate arrears running at £180 million "impossible to evade"—but borne only by householders: "corresponding with people's ability to pay"—which it most obviously does not.

The present rating system is universally agreed to be hopelessly unfair and unsatisfactory, as recently demonstrated in Scotland; its abolition, long overdue, is now assured.

But a residents' tax would substitute a fresh set of difficulties for those now existing. The staff and systems required to collect and record the tax, to keep track of the thousands of normal removals, would need an army of inspectors and a battery of probably untrustworthy and fraud-prone computers; it would be an administrative nightmare, unnecessarily duplicating our existing tax arrangements. Since the major part of local government expenditure is already provided by grant from central government the logical solution would appear to be:

All revenue at present collected through local rates to be raised by an addition to national Income Tax.

Personnel displaced from valuation and local rating offices to be transferred to the Inland Revenue Department, to strengthen the overtaking of existing arrears of work and to apply increased pressure to control evasion.

From the funds so collected, a *per capita* allocation to be made to local authorities, to be spent for a defined range of expenses, in accordance with the decisions of the locally-elected councils, thus maintaining cherished local independence. This allowance to be standardised but subject to modification at the discretion of the Treasury or some appointed body, in the light of particular necessities.

These proposals would remove the present inequality between "single" and "multiple person" households; spread the burden fairly in proportion to the ability to pay; and curb the excesses of spendthrift councils, by removing the incentive which motivates non-rate-paying voters to elect councillors who sponsor such programmes.

There are no doubt many problems inherent in these proposals, but it seems probable that the income tax alternative to rates might prove to be the better course.

W. L. PARR
Marple Bridge, Gt. Manchester

Election travesty

SIR—Professor Richard Rose's article (July 2) reducing the prospect of the next general election to some sort of poker game, only serves to highlight what a travesty the election of our MPs has become.

It should first and foremost, be the means by which the people elect representatives with whom they can identify. Yet at the last general election, in most of the 650 constituencies, most of the electors who still thought it worthwhile to vote, failed to elect a representative for whom they had voted.

The corollary of that fact is another: that most MPs sit in the House of Commons despite the fact that most of their electors who voted, let alone those who did not, wanted someone else to represent them.

As Professor Rose rightly says, tactical voting—or voting for someone other than the candidate the electors really want to represent them — is likely to be a crucial factor at the next election.

Ironically, where proper representation is seen to matter—in the Northern Ireland part of the United Kingdom — voters have been given the opportunity of expressing their preferences numerically when electing their MEPs, local councillors and an assembly when it has been in operation.

Could it be that cynically the line has been drawn at the election of MPs to Westminster as that is regarded as the thin end of the wedge for the rest of us in Britain? The fact is that Northern Ireland's MEPs emerge from a much higher poll than that which has prevailed in Britain for Euro-elections.

There is still time before the next general election to amalgamate existing single member seats into groups of larger but moderately sized constituencies who would elect, by a single but transferable vote, an average of five MPs without any increase in their total number.

Tactical voting would be rendered redundant at a stroke and safe seats for any individual would become a relic of the past. We would then be able to see which candidates, within, across, and beyond party lines, were preferred by the people. It is they in a democracy who are supposed to be given the power and not just to play cards but to produce a really representative parliament.

BERNARD BLACK
Electoral Reform Society,
London, S.E.1.

Pensions concern

SIR—It seems odd that Sir Peter Hordern, M.P. in his article (June 24) should criticise the 1975 all-party consensus over pensions on the grounds that it did nothing about half of the working population who have no occupational pension.

The State earnings-related pension scheme has a number of weaknesses but one of its strengths is its provision of a pension related to earnings, albeit through a complicated formula, for those not in occupational pension schemes.

The ending of the consensus is particularly disturbing as it creates the risk that pensions will once again become a political football when each change of government results in a new set of proposals. The Crossman scheme and the Joseph scheme each created an enormous amount of work but not a single £1 of pension.

It is precisely because the 1975 consensus put an end to that that it was welcomed so widely not just by the relatively small numbers who work in the field of pensions but by the millions of people who will be the pensioners of the future.

M. J. BROWN
Chief Executive,
Company Pensions Information Centre,
London, W.1.

Wait in style

SIR — Not only commercial undertakings can adopt this local railway station (report July 2).

Frinton and Walton Heritage Trust has started voluntarily to beautify Frinton Station with the co-operation of British Rail Eastern Region.

The waiting room has a deep pile carpet, genuine Lloyd Loom chairs, pot plants, and up-to-date magazines. Local organisations keep flower tubs planted and watered and an adjacent crossing garden is being restored as a Victorian cottage garden.

J. CLEMENT JONES
London, S.W.1.

The moving finger . . .

SIR—Have any of your bespectacled readers experienced the puzzling, not to mention annoying, phenomenon of large, greasy fingermarks appearing quite mysteriously on the lenses of their spectacles? Fingerprints, what's more, that do *not* correspond with their own . . .

KATE FORD
Rotherham, South Yorks.

A day of work

SIR—Selfishness is in the eye of the beholder.

Mr Trevor Hodgson (July 1) would like to prevent those who wish to, from working in shops, or shopping on Sundays, while condemning as selfish those who would like freedom in the matter.

Sunday is a day of work for many in hospitals, the media and among others, the clergy. Why should not shops be free to open on Sundays if they and their staff wish? Again, if people want to enjoy shopping on Sunday, why not?

My business is tiny—I would welcome the opportunity to trade on Sundays. How can something which is legal six days a week, be illegal on a seventh?

GRAHAM BRUNNING
Maidstone, Kent.

Never on Sunday

SIR—The call for Sunday trading is being made not by the reputable firms of long standing but by the few upstart traders who have, as yet, contributed little or nothing to our society except, perhaps, more need for consumer protection. Such clamourings should be ignored and summerily dismised by our legislators.

Present legitimate shop opening hours during weekdays must be more than adequate since half of them are not being used.

No shop should be allowed to open on Sunday which has not already taken advantage of all the permitted weekday opeing hours.

To open shops in the evenings would rejuvenate many of our provincial towns which at present die at 6 p.m. Shops open until 8 p.m. daily (quite legally) would provide that facility of family shopping which advocates of Sunday trading so avidly crave, yet, at the same time allow shop workers at least half the weekend every other worker regards as his right.

People who work in retail business comprise the most numerous group of workers in the land. Why should they have their Sundays stolen from them by their more favoured brethren?

LOUIS MARSH,
Bollington, Cheshire.

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GARDEN CALENDAR FRED WHITSEY

Making way for roses

EVEN before the sun came at last, walking along the paths of the little vegetable plot was an experience of summer. From behind the box-edging that lines them, old roses lean forward and invite you to sniff and admire. The days were cool, the nights cold, but still the air was filled with such scent as almost to make you believe that familiar calumny that no new rose smells like the old ones. Why are they there with the vegetables then? For several good reasons.

Favourite old gallica rose—Rosa Mundi

So individual is each variety, so beautifully shaped and marked, that you need to have them at close quarters, beside a path, where you can pause, look and ponder, trying to recall the name and perhaps the rose's history, for the names are almost as fascinating as the flowers. Most of them spend their season's flowering in one glorious flourish and then, it must be owned, don't look much afterwards. As well, then, to have them out of the way in some spot where they will not take a stage better left to others. Anyway, so irresistible are they that wherever you put them in carefully contrived schemes with pinks and penstemons, lavender, sage and rosemary, that you always want more. It comes easy to filch vegetable garden space for them.

What is it that divides old roses so sharply from the newer kinds? Although some go far back into antiquity, it cannot be a matter of dates. What, indeed, characterises an old rose? Scent alone will not do as a definition, since it must also be owned that in this quality they vary considerably. It really comes down to a difference in style, expressed in the form of the flowers and in the subtlety of the markings they carry.

Whereas a modern rose at its most poised moment will be pointed or rounded, revealing its centre only when long past its best, an old rose will be flattened, neatly quartered or globe shaped, often revealing an "eye" that it has no wish or need to conceal. As time overtakes it the flower will gently fold back its petals, losing no more of its perfection then than does a fully ripe plum. It is then, too, that the most engaging colourings, those suffusions of carmine and violet, enter.

When you get into old roses you soon have to learn that though bewilderingly there are hundreds of varieties they fall into four main groups, differing in the way they grow. The gallica type, which include the famous striped Rosa Mundi and the crimson Tuscany, are stocky plants inclined to spread by their welcome suckers. In the alba section, of which the most famous member is the soft pink Celestial, are bushes with greyish foliage that reach up to 5ft. These two are the most easily managed as garden plants. Midsummer is their only season.

So it is with the damask roses, usually more lanky bushes of which the white Mme Hardy and the pink La Ville de Bruxelles are celebrated. They are known for having specially good perfume, as well as for the exquisite way in which the petals arrange themselves in quartered fashion.

A third group is the centifolia type, the cabbage roses that produce so many petals the flower can hardly contain them or the stems hold it erect. This is the group to which the lovely Fantin Latour, such an affecting shade of pink, belongs, together with the smoky purple Tour de Malakoff. The moss rose, whose calyx is clad with sticky, feathery glands which gives it this name, is an offshoot of the centifolias and is exemplified by the deep crimson William Lobb and cream Blanche Moreau.

It is these last two, together with the repeat-flowering Bourbon type like the curious Variegata di Bologna and the massive flowered Mme Isaac Pereire (later on the scene), that can prove unwieldy as garden plants if they are left to themselves. In most gardens where they are grown they are given some sort of prop. Rather than use stakes and string, however, I have lately found a satisfactory answer in the Power plant supports I recommended recently for herbaceous plants. (Leaflet for 14p stamp from Power Garden Products, The Shambles, Warwick Road, Chadwick End, Warwick).

From the damasks and centifolias, the mosses with them, you cut away flowered wood when the bloom has gone and raise up the supports on their legs which hold a disc of broad wire mesh. The new tall stems grow up through this and are restrained temporarily. Then they are shortened by a third or even half in winter. (Only in winter can you prune the Bourbons or you would remove the wood that will bear the second crop.)

Indeed, you can prune old roses harder than is commonly supposed. The bounty of flowers they carry, if only through three heady weeks, is so lavish that a little of it can safely be sacrificed in favour of good garden deportment and to fit them into smaller plots than the public gardens in which they are most often seen.

What is beyond dispute is their vulnerability to those pests and diseases that threaten all roses, even those bred to be resistant. To get rid of both at one squirt you can safely mix Murphy's Tumblelite and Tumblebug, while the PBI Bio firm put up a *spray readymix called Multi-rose* which also has a foliar feed in it.

Festival days

THIS weekend is the Royal National Rose Society's Festival of the Rose—to be held at the Gardens of the Rose, Chiswell Green, St Albans, Herts., which will be open 10-6 each day (admission: £2·75 Saturday, £2·50 Sunday).

This is the last summer when the Gardeners' Sunday Organisation will be arranging garden openings in aid of the two Gardening charities, the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society and the Royal Gardeners' Orphan Fund. Next year it will merge with the National Gardens Scheme which in addition to raising funds for elderly district nurses and training Macmillan nurses will then devote a proportion of its funds to the other two charities.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, July 5.

The Queen left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this morning to visit the Mariner Leisure Centre, Falkirk and the Scottish Police College, Kincardine-on-Forth, Alloa.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk (Lieutenant-Colonel J. Stirling of Garden) and the Provost of Falkirk District Council (Mr J. Docherty), The Queen opened the Mariner Centre by unveiling a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty toured the Centre, escorted by the Provost and the Chairman, Leisure and Recreation Committee (M. A. Fowler).

Afterwards, in the grounds of the Centre, The Queen planted a tree in recognition of International Youth Year 1985.

The Queen then drove to the Scottish Police College and was received by Her Majesty's Lord - Lieutenant for Fife (Colonel Sir James Gilmour, Bt.), the Secretary, Scottish Home and Health Department and Chairman, Board of Governors of the College (Mr William Reid) and the Commandant (Major - General David Alexander).

Her Majesty honoured the Chairman of the Board of Governors with her presence at luncheon and, afterwards, escorted by the Commandant, toured the College.

The Secretary of State for Scotland (the Right Hon. George Younger, M.P., Minister - in - Attendance), the Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes, Mr John Haslam and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Queen later left Royal Air Force Turnhouse in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this morning and was later received at Mansfield Park, Hawick, by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale (the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensbury) and the Deputy Lieutenant (the Earl of Minto).

Her Royal Highness, Honorary President of the British Knitwear and Clothing Export Council, visited Barrie Knitwear Ltd, Hawick, and toured the factory, escorted by the Managing Director (Mr G. Peden).

Afterwards, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips attended luncheon with the Scottish Knitwear Association and was received by the Chairman of Hawick Knitwear Manufacturers Association (Mr. B. Faulkner).

Her Royal Highness, attended by the Hon. Mrs Legge-Bourke, later travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Royal Air Force Lyneham.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, accompanied by Captain Mark Phillips, this evening opened Bishop Cuthbert Bardsley's Exhibition of Pictures at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester.

Her Royal Highness and Captain Mark Phillips were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Brabazon of Tara (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of the Governor-General of Barbados and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE July 5.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Regiment, this morning named a British Railways locomotive "The Kingsman" at Chester Station.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother subsequently visited The King's Regiment at Saighton Camp, Chester, for the Regiment's Tercentenary celebrations.

Her Majesty travelled in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Grimthorpe, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain James Lowther-Pinkerton were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE, July 5.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Operation Raleigh, this morning at Kensington Palace received the Chairman and Members of the Council of Operation Raleigh.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, received Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. Smith upon relinquishing command of the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment; and Lieutenant-Colonel C. D. Farrar-Hockley upon assuming command.

YORK HOUSE July 5.

The Duke of Kent, as Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year, today opened St. James, a new concert and assembly hall, in Guernsey.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of 32 Squadron Royal Air Force, was attended by Captain Charles Blount.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, July 5.

Princess Alexandra was present this afternoon at the All England Lawn Tennis Club Championship Meeting at Wimbledon.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales will open the British Paraplegic Sports Society 34th International Stoke Mandeville Games at Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, on July 28.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new extension to Leeds/Bradford Airport on July 18.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY AND TOMORROW

Sir John Mellor is 82 today; Sir Paul Mallinson is 76; Prof. J. K. B. M. Nicholas 66; the Rt-Rev. Simon Phipps, Bishop of Lincoln, 64; Mr F. E. Zollinger 63; Miss Mary Peters 46; and Mr Vladimir Ashkenazy 48.

The Hon. Sir Steven Runciman will be 82 tomorrow; Sir Richard Turnbull will be 76; Adml Sir Frank Twiss 75; Lord Mais 74; Mr E. W. Wright 74; Lord Denman 69; Baroness Airey of Abingdon 66; Sir Adam Thomson 59; Mr Mark Carlisle, Q.C, M.P. 56; the Earl of Mansfield 55; Mr Ringo Starr 45; and Mr Tony Jacklin 41.

Forthcoming Marriages

Dr H. W. Warren and Miss N. J. Warren

The engagement is announced and Mrs John Black. The Ven. Frank Johnston officiated.

Mr T. M. W. Green and Miss R. M. Dann

The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Canon and Mrs Michael Green, of St Aldate's, Oxford, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Dann, of Chippenham, Wilts.

Mr C. B. Ewart and Miss J. S. Berry

The engagement is announced between Christopher Bruce, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. C. Ewart, of Southsea, and Joanna Samantha, youngest daughter of Dr J. and Dr M. Berry, of Hartlepool.

Mr E. St J. Matts and Miss A. C. Buxton

The engagement is announced between Edmund, son of Mr and Mrs K. S. B. Matts, of Bookham, Surrey, and Angela, daughter of Dr and Mrs R. St J. Buxton, of Norton, Sussex.

Mr D. Harris and Miss J. M. Dickson

The engagement is announced between Desmond, son of Mrs B. Harris, of Bristol, and the late Mr G. Harris, and Jane, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs W. P. G. Dickson, of Hest Bank, Lancaster.

Mr C. S. T. Cant and Miss J. E. Harris

The engagement is announced between Christopher Somerset Travers, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. A. T. Cant, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, and Joanna Elisabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dillon Harris, of Queen Camel, Somerset.

Mr M.J. Stokoe and Miss R. A. Kinver

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs B. Stokoe, of Rotorua, New Zealand, and Rebecca Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kinver, of Yonder Haye, Woodbury, Devon.

Mr W. J. Hemmant and Miss A.-V. Verne

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Hemmant, of Poplar Farm, Sisland, and Anne-Verena, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. Verne, of Ealing.

Mr M. Foad and Miss J. Welch

The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Foad, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and Joanna, youngest daughter of the late Mr A. Welch and of Mrs A. Welch, of Godalming, Surrey.

Mr N. A. Heyes and Miss F. Lyons

The engagement is announced between Neil, only son of Mr and Mrs K. Heyes, of Bolton, Lancs., and Felicity, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C. L. Lyons, of Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan.

Mr C. M. Shearer and Miss J. H. C. Watts

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr J. D. Shearer, of Takeley, Essex, and the late Mrs M. C. Shearer, and Jeanetta, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. L. Watts, of Exeter.

Mr I. V. McCall and Mrs V. Seafield Beresford

The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Andrew McCall, of Westbury, and Victoria, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs D. G. S. Grant, of Chilmark, Wiltshire.

Mr P. R. Smith and Miss M. Cronin

The marriage will take place today at St James's Church, Dorney, Windsor, between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Smith, South Island, New Zealand, and Maria, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Cronin, Hove, Sussex.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY

The Merchant Taylors' Company has elected the following officers for the year beginning July 15: Master, Lord Newall; First Upper Warden, Mr H. E. Hunter Jones; Second Upper Warden, Mr G. P. Theobald; between Hugh Walter, son of Mr and Mrs Jeffery Warren, of Aldgate, Rutland, and Nichola Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Warren, of Alderley Edge, Cheshire.

SERVICE DINNERS

H M S Northwood, R N R

Officers of H M S Northwood held their annual ladies night dinner yesterday evening in Northwood H Q Officers' Mess. The principal guests were Adml Sir Peter Stanford, C-in-C Naval Home Command, and Lady Stanford, and Capt. and Mrs Roberts. Mess guests were Cdr J. R. Roland, U S N and Lt-Cdr. and Mrs C. J. Kolisnek. Lt-Cdr Batten presided.

R N R Medical Officers

Medical, Dental and Q A R N N S (R) officers of the Royal Naval Reserve were present at a dinner held last night at H M S Dolphin. Surg. Rear-Adml G. J. Milton-Thompson was the principal guest and Surg. Capt. J. A. Shaw, R N R, presided.

Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

The regimental dinner of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers was held last night at Wadham College, Oxford. Maj.-Gen. David Woodford, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The Chaplain General and Mr Graham Woodcock were guests.

Surrey Yeomanry (Queen Mary's Regiment)

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Sir Alan and Lady Traill, were principal guests at the ladies guest night dinner held yesterday evening in the R A Mess, Woolwich, by the Surrey Yeomanry Trust. Col A. Constance presided.

J S M R C, R A F Chessington

A dining in night was held in the Officers' Mess, Joint Service Medical Rehabilitation Unit, R A F Chessington, yesterday evening, to mark the retirement of Group Captain W. B. Bussell, R A F. Major A. S. Noble, R A M C, presided.

SATURDAY COLUMN

Is America weakening?

PAUL JOHNSON tracks the extraordinary course of American economics that has steered the world's former "bank manager" into debt

ECONOMIC relationships never stand still. They are shifting, almost imperceptibly, all the time. Over a period these tiny movements add up to momentous changes. For instance, we grew up believing Britain to be the greatest exporter of manufactured goods in the world, and its leading importer of food.

Today Britain is a net importer of manufactured goods. But we have also become a major exporter of food. We now supply ourselves with 80 per cent. of everything we eat in Britain, and though we still import £4,000 million of food a year, we export the same amount, making us the seventh largest exporter of food in the world. That is a very remarkable change, which has occured slowly over a generation.

Still more remarkable is the change which has taken place in America's position in the world economy. America, of course, has always been a major exporter of agricultural products. But until recently she was seen as a leading exporter of manufactured goods and, above all, as an exporter of capital. That has been changing for some time, and the process of change is accelerating. It is probable that the United States, like Britain, is now a net importer of manufactures, and it is certain she is a net importer of capital.

Were America not importing capital at a tremendous rate—that is, persuading foreign investors to put their money in US industry and real estate—her profligate consumption patterns would have long since got her into serious economic trouble. America consumes more than it creates and pays the difference by getting into debt. In May, for instance, it exported only $17 billion-worth of goods and imported goods worth $50 billion. That is a huge deficit on visible trade, both absolutely and relatively.

As the US is now a net importer of capital, its surplus on invisible trade—that is, the income it receives from foreign investments, less the income it pays out to foreign investors in the US—has also been dropping. In 1981 it was about $35 billion a year. This year it is running at an annual rate of less than $10 billion and will in a short time go into deficit if present trends continue. Up to the present, America's overall deficit, now at the rate of $120 billion a year, has been covered by the foreign investments which are undermining her position in invisible trade. In short, America is living on capital—other people's capital. The way things are going, she will soon be borrowing foreign money just to pay the interest on her loans. That is the kind of thing we expect Zaire to do or Mexico or Argentina, not the richest country in the world and the central pillar of the international system of finance.

Clearly this kind of improvidence cannot go on much longer. America is rather like the spendthrift landowner in a Trollope novel, Mr Gresham in "Doctor Thorne", for instance, or Mr Sowerby in "Framley Parsonage", keeping up ancient state while the mortgages accumulate and foreclosure looms. Mr Gresham is in fact saved when his son marries the heiress of his chief creditor, but poor old Sowerby is inevitably sold up and his lands engulfed by the Duke of Omnium. With states it is rather different, to be sure.

No one can foreclose on the US. Creditors cannot even foreclose on a piddling Latin American republic without threatening the international banking system. What happens is the remedy applied to Sir Walter Elliot in "Persuasion" — he is taken in hand by sensible people and made to reduce his expenses. The sensible people, in this case, are the financial inspectors of the International Monetary Fund. These gentlemen, it will be remembered, had to take Britain in hand the last time we had a Labour government. In 1976, they had our Chancellor, Denis Healey, hoiked off a plane at Heathrow and forced him to impose a less profligate regimen. The I M F intervention in America's affairs, when it comes, is likely to be even more dramatic, humiliating and unpleasant.

But will it work? After all, there is a disinterested element in America's spendthrift career. There are two main reasons for her huge trading deficit. The first is that America is playing the role of wheelhorse in the world economic recovery because it is the only power ready to do so. West Germany and Japan, which have the two soundest-based major economies in the West, will not take the risk, together or separately. By absorbing a vast amount of imports, paid for by foreign investment, the U S is reflating the international economy. It is a clumsy and expensive way of doing it, but the only way it knows. The second and more important is that America is effectively paying for the strategic defence of the western world: defence costs are the main reason for its own budget deficit and a collateral reason for its trade deficit. If America behaved like West Germany and Japan, and did not spend more than it could afford, the free world economy would plunge into deep depression and its military defences would collapse.

We come now to the paradox which is at the heart of the problem. In the past, financial and economic power have always been reflected in military power. States like Venice or the Netherlands might be small, but at the height of their trading success they were not only able to defend their own territory but used naval power to control the ports and sea-lanes pertinent to their commercial interests. Britain, on a larger scale, operated the same principle in the 18th and 19th centuries. Our naval power, which was paramount on the oceans, reflected our financial power, which was paramount on the exchanges. Both waxed together; both, in due course, waned together.

From 1945 until a few years ago, the same principle applied to the United States. It was to a great extent the world's policeman because it was also to a great extent the world's bank manager. The two jobs seemed to go together. Now they are in danger of being separated. Japan is now the world's biggest exporter of capital, as the Netherlands, Britain and the U S once were. In the past, the position necessarily led to a corresponding military role. Today it is denied to Japan by her recent past, her constitution, and the apparent desire of her people. West Germany is in the same position, to a lesser degree. Sooner or later the anomally must be corrected, and Japan and Germany obliged to play a military and political part commensurate with their commercial success.

WEDDINGS

The Hon. B. L. Lever and Miss A. H. Ballingall

The marriage took place yesterday in London of the Hon. Bernard Lever, son of the late Lord Lever and of Lady Lever, of Didsbury, Manchester, and Miss Anne Ballingall, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Ballingall, of Seaford, East Sussex. A service of blessing will be held today at St Leonard's, Seaford.

The honeymoon is being spent abroad and there will be a reception in Manchester upon the couple's return.

Col. M. H. Jones and Mrs J. K. Black

The marriage took place on July 4 at the Grosvenor Chapel, London, of Col. Martin Jones W. Howitt; and Upper Renter Warden, Mr W. D. Brewer.

LUNCHEON

Her Majesty's Government

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Q.C. M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 1, Carlton Gardens in honour of the United States Senate Arms Control Observer Group.

CORDWAINERS' COMPANY

The following officers have Upper Renter Warden, Mr A. been elected by the Cordwainers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr M. O. Skinner; Senior Warden, Mr R. Peal; Second Warden, Mr C. A. H. Willcocks; Steward Warden, Mr R. O. M. Williams; and Renter Warden, Mr M. G. B. Shaw.

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

Fifth Sunday after Trinity—Pentecost 6

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 7.30 Mattins; 8 HC; 11 HC (Haydn's Missa Brevis in F) Opening service of the City of London Festival. Preacher, Rt. Rev. Kenneth Woollcombe; 3.15 Evensong (Stanford in C). Preacher, Rt. Rev. Graham Leonard, Bishop of London.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 Mattins, Rev. Eric Shegog, Religious Broadcasting Officer, IBA; 1.40 HC; 3 Evensong, Canon Sebastian Charles (Kelly in C); 5.55 Recital for organ and trumpet; 6.30 Evening Service, Rt. Rev. E. G. Knapp-Fisher, Archdeacon.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Eucharist, Canon Peter Smith-Cameron (Palestrina); 3 Evensong, The Provost (Harwood in A flat).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Rev. Michael Beech.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret St.: 8 & 5.15 Low Masses; 10.30 Morning Prayer, 11 Rev. J. S. W. Young; 6 The Vicar.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 9.30 HC; 11 Rev. Michael Lawson; 6.30 Family Communion, Rev. Richard Bewes.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Rd.: 8 HC; 11 Rev. J. D. Irvine; 6.30 Rev. J. A. K. Millar.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11 & 6.30 Canon John Oates.

ST CLEMENT DANES, Strand: Rev. Ivan Weston, R A F Bonnington; 8.30 HC.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 Eucharist; 6 Evening Prayer.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: 11 Canon Trevor Beeson (SE).

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30, Rev. S. Acland; 11.15 Rev. P. Arnold; 6.30 The Vicar.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: 8 HC (1662 Prayer Book); 9.45 The Vicar; 11.30 Rev. Charles Hedley; 3 Chinese Service; 4.15 Choral Evensong; 6.30 Rev. John Cox.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam St: 11 (HC) & 6.30 Rev. George Cassidy.

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CHAPEL ROYAL, Tower of London: 11 The Chaplain; 9.15 HC.

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GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: 11 The Chaplain (SE).

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CROWN COURT (C-o-S), Covent Garden: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev. Keith McRobb; 12 20 HC.

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WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11 Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Gibbins.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Dr. R. T. Kendall.

RECEPTION

Her Majesty's Government

The Hon. George Younger, M.P., Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Younger were hosts at a reception held last night by Her Majesty's Government at Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, to mark the centenary of the Scottish Office.

HARROW DINNER

Elmfield

The organising committee, chaired by the Hon. Simon Orr-Ewing, arranged a dinner held at Boodle's last night for former members of Elmfield. The toast was made by the Chairman, Mr Ian McCorquodale, and the Housemaster, Mr J. R. Beckett, replied. Harrow School Songs were then sung.

HOMEFIELD SCHOOL

A thanksgiving service for the life of Miss Nancy Machin, formerly Headmistress of Homefield School, Rugby, will be held in the Chapel at Bilton Grange, Dunchurch, Rugby, on Saturday, July 13, at 11 a.m.

EUROPEAN BRIDGE

By A Bridge Correspondent in Salsomaggiore

With one round still to play France, the holders, have achieved a second successive win in the women's series in the European Bridge Championships in Salsomaggiore, Italy. The position of second place and qualification for the Venice Bowl rests on the final match of Sweden-Great Britain who stand in second and third places but an even match between them would mean that both could be passed by Netherlands or Italy who have weaker opponents.

In the Open series all now rests on the final matches with Israel still in the lead.

Results.—Open Series, rd 20: Hungary bye (18); Ireland 14, GB 16; Greece 8, Iceland 22; Poland 8, Netherland 22; Spain 14, Italy 15; Israel 20, Portugal 10; Germany 14, Sweden 16; Denmark 25, Luxembourg 3; Belgium 11, Norway 19; Austria 15, Finland 15; Switzerland 25, France 5. Women's Series, rd 14: Ireland 19, Spain 11; Finland 12, Belgium 18; GB 11, Italy 19; Poland 21, Sweden 9; Switzerland 5, Hungary 25; France 25, Germany 4; Israel 17, Denmark 13; Netherlands 15, Iceland 11.

Positions. — Open Series after 20 rds: 1, Israel 366; 2, Austria 357; 3, Denmark 348; 4, France 347; 5, Netherlands 341; 6, Sweden 335; 7, GB 332; 8, Poland 326; 9, Norway 303; 10, Italy 300; 11, Germany 296; 12, Finland 294; 13, Ireland 288; 14, Switzerland 284; 15, Hungary 281; 16, Iceland 279; 17, Portugal 274; 18, Spain 272; 19, Greece 264; 20, Belgium 257; 21, Luxembourg 177. Women's Series after 14 rds: 1, France 271; 2, Sweden 245; 3, GB 242; 4, Netherland 237; 5, Italy 236; 6 equal, Germany and Poland 218; 8, Israel 205; 9, Hungary 198; 10, Denmark 197; 11, Ireland 183; 12, Switzerland 182; 13 equal, Finland and Spain 180; 15, Iceland 175; 16, Belgium 162.

Latest Wills

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KAYE, Mrs Hannah I., Mayfair	239,555
KING, Barbara, Bromley, Kent	202,107
PRICE, D. J., Headcorn, Kent	305,686
WARREN, F. R., St Andrews, Bristol	185,585

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

National Gallery: Vivienne Loren "Piero di Cosimo", 13.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Prince Andrew attends Henley Royal Regatta and presents the prizes, 13.15.

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards 10; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 4 (without music).

Royal Tournament Mall March: procession leaves Wellington Barracks at 12.30, then Birdcage Walk, Horse Guards, The Mall and return to Wellington Barracks, 1.10.

Victoria & Albert Museum: Catherine Oakes "Medieval alabasters", 3; "Medieval ivories", 4.

St. Paul's Cathedral, City of London Festival Opening Service, 11 a.m.

Obituary

Herbert Sulzbach

HERBERT SULZBACH, who has died in London aged 91, received an Iron Cross from Kaiser Wilhelm in the 1914-18 War and an O B E from the Queen in 1982. In between he had striven mightily to improve Anglo-German relations.

His wartime diary, eventually published in English as "With The German Guns", a chronicle of 50 months on the Western Front, was praised by the Nazis as an example of German fortitude when it appeared in 1934, before they realised that its author was Jewish. The son of a Frankfurt banker, he was proprietor of a Berlin fancy paper factory for 16 years before leaving Germany for England in 1937.

Interned as an enemy alien in the Isle of Man in May 1940, he had already volunteered for the British Army and was accepted in October 1940, gaining a commission in 1945. He spent the next several years re-educating German officers politically in P O W camps, presenting to them the decencies of the old Germany he still passionately believed in.

Then in 1951 he became cultural officer at the West German embassy in London. During the next 30 years until he retired in 1981 he presented Britain to more than 30,000 German visitors as the natural ally of Germany, regarding their acceptance of each other as the essential basis for a new Europe.

He held dual citizenship and he was well equipped to explain each to the other, retaining a youthful vivacity even after his official retirement at 87. He was once recommended for the Nobel Peace Prize and in 1978 he was awarded the Franco-German Croix de Paix de l'Europe.

KATHLEEN GORDON

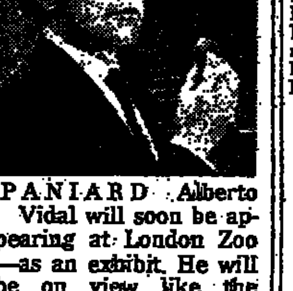
Kathleen Gordon, who has died aged 87, was the first director of the Royal Academy of Dancing and had a great influence in the development of ballet in general education. She championed the inclusion of ballet as an "O" level subject and was in later years chairman of the Associated Examining Board's committee on ballet.

Educated at Manchester High School for Girls and King's College, London, she joined the Academy, then the Association of Operatic Dancing, as a temporary secretary in 1924. Her one-week engagement was to last 44 years.

She was appointed general secretary in 1937 and became director after the 1939-45 War. Under her the teachers' training course was developed and the Production Club encouraged such talent as the young John Cranko. She resigned in 1968 and was made a Fellow in 1975. She was also one of the few honorary members and was appointed a OBE in 1966.

Prof. Sir Frank Engledow. In Cambridge, aged 94. Drapers' Professor of Agriculture, Cambridge University 1930-57, went up to St John's College, Cambridge, 1910. Fellow of St John's College 1919. Served 1914-18 War, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment) and Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force. Assistant Director of Agriculture, Mesopotamia 1918-19. Edited "Britain's Future in Farming." C M G 1935, F R S 1946. Knighted 1944.

Man, the new zoo animal



SPANIARD Alberto Vidal will soon be appearing at London Zoo—as an exhibit. He will be on view like the other animals.

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"Inevitably I respond to being on display. . . . I watch animals to see how they use space when they are watched". Byron Rogers' exclusive interview with Vidal, about man as a zoo animal, appears in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

Steve Poth has been training to be an astronaut, going through the space launch drill and experiencing the weightlessness of outer space. He is 13.

Anne Hollister visits the U.S. Space Camp at the Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama, adjoining the Nasa base, where children as young as 10 can spend an action-filled week training to be astronauts and learning about the reality of space travel.

Humphrey Brooke grows 500 varieties of roses and says: "If people could see the difference between the old and modern roses, everyone would want to restore the old ones."

Jane Ellison visited him at his home in Suffolk and saw his breathtaking garden, with some roses 50ft high and one over 2,000 years old.

Simon Bond, the cartoonist who sold 1,750,000 copies of his book "101 Uses of a Dead Cat," reveals his latest animal theme for his next book; champion hang-glider John "Peanut" Pendry talks about his greatest ambition; and all the regular features appear in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE, available only with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

R A F HOMES SALE

The Government is selling off 110 former R A F homes at Sculthorpe, Norfolk, in one lot by public tender. A developer is expected to renovate the homes, which have been empty for 10 years, for individual sale.

'STREET' PUTS 'THAT'S LIFE' IN 3rd PLACE

By Our TV and Radio Correspondent

Esther Rantzen's "That's Life" was BBC Television's most popular programme for the second week running with an audience of 13,750,000 though it was beaten in the general ratings by both episodes of Granada Televsion's "Coronation Street".

The biggest television audience, of 16,200,000, was for the Wednesday episode of "Coronation Street" which helped to give ITV and Channel 4 a 52·7 per cent share of total viewing compared with the 47·3 per cent gained by the two BBC channels.

The top ten were: 1, "Coronation Street" Wed. (Granada); 2, "Coronation Street" Mon.; 3, "That's Life" (BBC-1); 4, "News at Ten" Tues. (ITN); 5, "News and Weather" Sun. (BBC-1); 6, "The Wild Geese" (ITV); 7, "Crossroads" Tue. (Central); 8, "Crossroads" Wed.; 9, "Dallas" (BBC-1); 10, "Crossroads" Thurs. and "Russ Abbot's Summer Madhouse" (LWT).

Research by Audits of Great Britain for Broadcasters Audience Research Board.

BAPTISTS MOVING HEADQUARTERS

By Our Churches Correspondent

The Baptist World Alliance representing Baptists in 95 countries, opens new international headquarters at McLean, Virginia, on October 1, shifting from Washington, where it has been based since 1947.

The South Baptist Convention meeting at Dallas this month was its largest with 45,000 "messengers," from American Baptist churches registered, an increase of 22,000 on the previous highest attendance.

LAVATORY CAMPAIGN

Conservationists in Chepstow, Gwent, have launched a campaign to save the 62-year-old public lavatories in the town centre which are threatened by redevelopment.

CZECH GOLD FIND

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DAVID congrats on Remu. Job. L. XAM

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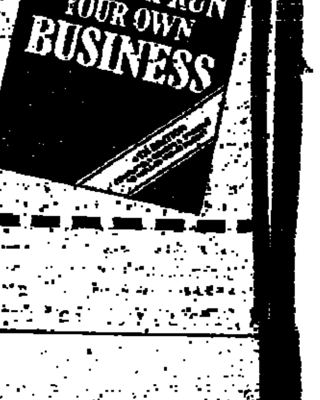

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Fortune's whim

WHEN is a cause completely lost? Think of all those works by obscure baroque composers which are now the common coinage of Radio 3 and the record catalogues. Not all that long ago these composers' names could not have been found in most histories and reference books. Now people listen to their works for pleasure, or so it is said.

Just how these reversals of fortune and of posterity's verdict occur makes a fascinating study, but the only safe conclusion to be drawn is that luck, whim and unpredictability are the salient factors governing them. I suppose that the example most frequently cited is that of Mahler, but it is not a very good yardstick because Mahler's music was never totally "out" and even in Britain had more performances between 1920 and 1960 than is generally realised.

But the tournaround in his case was sensational and was achieved by a combination of critics' propaganda, a few conductors' advocacy and the development of the LP record. Also, everything about Mahler's music suited the taste, aesthetic and psychological, of the world of the 1960s.

Another outstanding example, this time affecting one work as far as Britain was concerned, is Monteverdi's "Vespers". A wartime performance under Tippett started the ball rolling and one at York Minster in the early 1950s under Walter Goehr really scored the goal. Suddenly everybody seemed to want to perform and to hear this music. From it grew the interest in his operas and madrigals and in those of his contemporaries and successors. The "early music" boom began, I believe, that night in York.

What chance was there, I wondered recently in the Albert Hall, that the music of Parry could experience a similar resurgence—I do not write revival, because some of his music survives as sturdily as when it was written a century and less ago. Five of his choral works were performed by the Bach Choir and Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Sir David Willcocks in a concert inaugurated and financially supported by the Vaughan Williams Trust. As the trust's chairman and also as a critic, I declare two interests which do not cancel each other out. We cannot judge this music unless we hear it: but having ensured that hearing, then the critic's antennae override the crusader's.

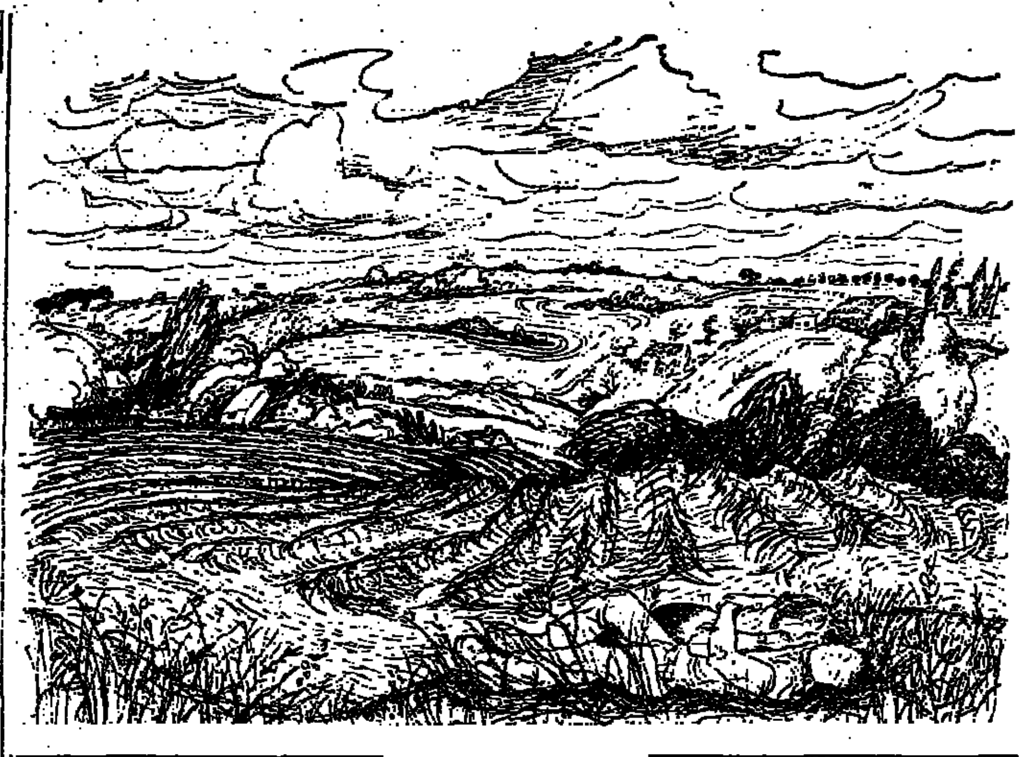
Three of the works needed no special pleading. "Blest Pair of Sirens" and "Jerusalem" are classics, while the Coronation anthem "I was glad" beats Elgar at his own game and at the same time proves that Elgar's ceremonial music was fruitfully indebted to Parry, as Elgar would have acknowledged. The large-scale rarities, new to the vast majority of listeners (who will include a Radio 3 audience for the delayed relay), were the 1892 setting for soprano, chorus and orchestra of Tennyson's "The Lotus Eaters" and the symphonia sacra "The Soul's Ransom" of 1906, its text being a mixture of Parry's words and biblical quotations.

The latter was the more ambitious and, I thought, failed nobly. The Tennyson piece stands more chance of catching on. It is evocatively scored and its tender lyricism reflects a sensuous side of Parry which he later seems to have stifled. It has something of Elgar in wistful, pre-Raphaelite mood (significantly, Elgar conducted it with his own choral society) and its best features found even fuller expression 20 years later in Parry's "Ode on the Nativity", a masterpiece which deserves to be heard quite as often as, say, "A Child of our Time".

Loyally extravagant claims have been made for "The Soul's Ransom" which, with the best will, I find it difficult to substantiate. It has splendid moments; it is several times on the brink of some compelling revelation, but the big climax never arrives (nor the big tune). No amount of analysis of its harmonic structure and its personal eclecticism can evade the fact that some vital spark is missing.

Ironically, one of Parry's pupils and most devoted admirers, Vaughan Williams, was himself the unwitting cause of the semi-oblivion of works like "The Soul's Ransom". In the first two minutes of his "Sea Symphony" of 1910, also for soprano and baritone soloists, he struck that spark, the impudent naiveté of genius, which Parry's work lacked. Ruefully, Parry acknowledged this. His first reaction to the "Sea Symphony" was "Big stuff, but full of impertinences as well as of noble moments". The impertinences, although that is no longer how we might describe them, make all the difference.

So, the Parry problem remains. But is it a real problem? No composer can expect all his music to survive, and in Parry's case the division between gold and dross is strongly marked. His admirable proselytes have sifted some nuggets from the dross and put them where they belong with the rest of the gold—the Fifth Symphony, the Variations and the Nativity Ode. To these I think I would add "The Lotus Eaters". I eagerly await the broadcast to confirm my hunch and perhaps to confound me over "The Soul's Ransom".



COUNTRY TALK ROBIN PAGE

Vanishing fields of hay

IT IS hay time again. The mower has done its work and, the smell of drying sweetness fills the air — a rich, warm scent to match the season. Once it lingered throughout the parish, but now hay time is restricted to a few small meadows.

The meadows surrounded by arable land where chemicals and tin-can farming reign supreme; there, a relaxing half-hour lying in the grass at mid-day has been replaced by air-conditioned tractor cabs with "Wonderful Radio One" in stereo, and cheese and onion crisps.

Just a few years ago, the water meadows on both sides of the brook wound for eight miles to join the river Cam at Byron's Pool. Boundary hedges grew high, cattle grazed and hay was made. Now, most of the meadows have gone, engulfed by a vast sea of wheat, to add to the growing mountain of surplus European grain.

A country parish without the smell of summer hay would have been unthinkable to earlier generations; it was as much a part of the farming year as ploughing, seed-time and harvest. To John Clare it was one of the joys of summer:

I love to muse oer meadows
newly mown
Where withering grass perfumes
the sultry air
Where bees search round with
sad and weary drone
In vain for flowers that bloomed
but newly there.

Hay fields have also served another traditional purpose, obviously experienced by Robert Bridges:

When June is come, then all
the day
I'll sit with my love in the
scented hay.
And watch the sunshot
palaces high,
That the white clouds build in
the breezy sky.

As soon as our hay is cut the kestrels home in on the noise of the working tractor to hang in the air over the falling grasses, for over the years they have come to recognise those activities that will yield food. It gives them a welcome addition to their hunting grounds, as mice and voles thrive among the tangled stems and roots of the old hay fields.

They return to hover as the hay is turned and baled and even when the bales are heaped ready for carting. Noise and human work means disturbance; mice will be uncovered and run. Then flickering wings close and soon food will be carried to the hungry young high up in a dead elm:

Talons stretch and wings fold
Air rushes, as the falcon
drops.
It strikes, in a jolting storm
Of blood and broken bone.
A new death allows life to go
on.

It is a strange thing, Man's fascination for birds of prey. They are primitive, yet sophisticated, dealing only in death, but as they fall all we see is beauty. It is stranger still how some skylarks will survive the hay work and the hunter's eye to flood the coming autum sky with song.

The hay is for our house cow and beef cattle in the next meadow, and beyond them is seven acres where the land has given up its pasture to the plough. Two years ago the old grassland was turned over to bare the soil, healthy and fertile, that had remained undisturbed for more than 200 years. Gentle ridges and furrows show where horse's once worked and the ancient pattern created by the plough can still be seen in the undulating rows of winter barley. It was not an easy decision to turn the meadow into yet another field of corn, but on a farm of only 115 acres, economic necessity must sometimes dictate the terms. The old hedges remain, however, as do remnant willows, once pollarded by men, but now simply split by the wind.

A narrow brook divides the arable land from the grazing cattle. That too is overgrown; everything a land drainage expert would claim a stream should not be. Sticklebacks dart and bullheads scuttle to safety as the bull plods in to drink. Beneath old hawthorns in the hedge the cattle stand, locked in lethargy, their tails swishing at flies. The hay will give them winter food and remind of warmer days. At this time, in this place, I am watching a small relic of a once peaceful past; I hope it has a future.

ART TERENCE MULLALY

History written in paint

FREQUENTLY art provides insights into the character of an age more revealing than those of the conventional history books. They are seldom as fully rounded as the images conveyed in writing, but Francis Bacon, with his horrific intimation of the angst and even the preoccupations of our time, is not alone in presenting in painting images as accurate as they are arresting.

It can be argued that here the visual arts have an advantage over literature and several London exhibitions illustrate the point. There is, though, a danger. Attitudes to art are arrogant; Leavis at his most intolerant still leaves Ruskin sounding like a megalomaniac bully. We should never forget that art is much more difficult to read than the written word.

Examples of this are to be found in the exhibition "Around 1610: The Onset of the Baroque" at Matthiesen Fine Art, 7-8 Mason's Yard, Duke Street, St James's (until Aug. 16) and in Agnew's exhibition "Venetian 18th-century Painting" (until July 19).

The exhibition at Matthiesen's is for two reasons of exceptional interest; the first has to do with the history of art, while the second concerns the commerce of art. It comes at an appropriate moment for the period covered is that of the exhibition "The Age of Caravaggio," which opened at the Metropolitan, in New York, and has just closed in Naples. Indeed several of Caravaggio's closest followers are represented at Matthiesen's by major works. This also suggests the second point of interest, for the exhibition is drawn from the firm's own stock; it does in fact put to rest the more melancholy grumbles about the shortage of fine things on the art market.

Before we come to the Caravaggesque works, there are several paintings which are essentially products of the world of Mannerism. The quick, nervous glance of the man in Bartolomeo Passerotti's portrait dating from circa 1580 is rooted in the uncertainties and traumas in which Mannerism was born, just as Ligozzi's "Allegory of Avarice," of about 1590, is also of that world.

The symbols of death to which he was fond of referring can be read correctly only when we see them not as the product of a morbid sensibility, but as the expression of a particular type of inquiring mind and also as a reflection of the sensibilities both of the events surrounding and following the sack of Rome in 1527. We should not forget that this is a date which may conveniently be taken as marking the close of the Renaissance.

If Ligozzi betrays a sensibility born of Mannerism, Joachim Uytewael, who is represented by a beautiful copper of "The Battle between the Gods and the Titans," in this picture make use of the contorted positions of the body that are the stock-in-trade of so many Mannerist artists. In fact, the painting might be taken to illustrate the characteristics of Mannerist art.

Against the background of Mannerism it becomes easier to read other pictures in this exhibition. Only a superficial approach, born of ignorance, would lead to an obsession with the violence inherent in the subject matter of some of these paintings. Even the horrific "Prometheus" by Ribera should be approached remembering that Craig Felton has effectively demonstrated that the gruesome side of his art should not preoccupy us. Indeed a picture such as Agostino Carracci's "Olimpia Luna as Judith" should be read as being heroic rather than sadistic.

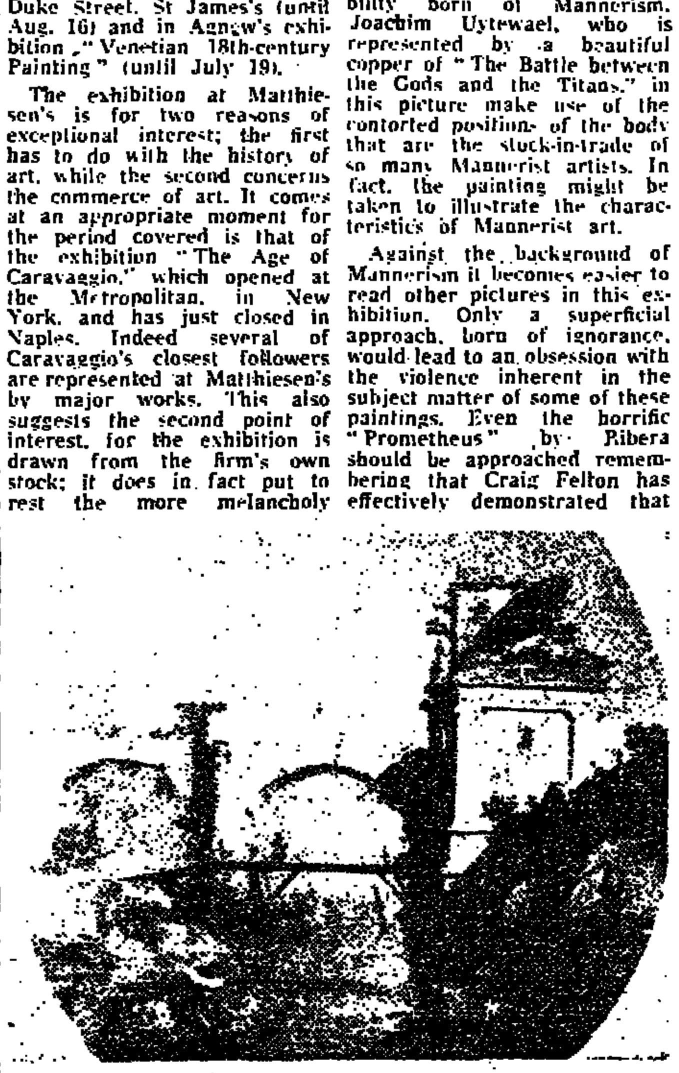
If the sack of Rome in 1527 is a crucial date, so too were the years 1545-63, when the Council of Trent set about its deliberations. It is against this background that Matthiesen's exhibition needs to be viewed. Passerotti's "Market-Women" is suddenly seen to be compulsively original, while the various adaptations of what Caravaggio was about, of which Saraceni's is surely the most personal and congenial, and the Roman-Bolognese classicist style of the Carracci and their followers fall into place.

So, too, do two of the most impressive works in the exhibition, Giulio Cesare Procaccini's "Holy Family", the most beautiful picture on view, and Orazio Gentileschi's "St Francis Receiving the Stigmata". Both are dramatic, both unite an element of the voluptuous with symbolism. The way to the Baroque was open.

Two other paintings at Matthiesen's should not be overlooked. They are the Feti and the Strozzi. Both artists were influential for what happened in Venice in the 18th century. It is splendidly represented in the exhibition at Agnew's which includes characteristic examples of almost all the major figures of Venetian 18th-century painting.

There are works such as the magnificant Canaletto of Warwick Castle, recently brought back from America, the litle Tiepolo modello for a ceiling in the Palazzo Pisani-Moretta, which conjures so many airy delights and proves again that he was the greatest decorator of them all, and there are reminders of what Pellegrini, Piazzetta, Pittoni, and Sebastiano Ricci contributed. The exhibition epitomises Venetian 18th-century painting.

Other pictures are equally revealing. As Venice in the 18th century moved inexorably towards the extinction of her ancient liberties and had already lost her commercial and political power she learnt to survive on providing pleasure. It is right that the big Canaletto capriccio, one of his most desirable works, should have been painted for an English house, Bretby Park, and that the lovely Amigonis were also probably painted in England. They are not difficult to read, but reading them we should be clear that we have underestimated Amigoni and still need fully to embrace what England achieved in the 18th century.



Part of a capriccio by Canaletto at Agnew's.

BRIDGE G. C. H. FOX

Bold but unwise

ITALY got off to a flying start in the final of the 1983 Bermuda Bowl World Championship against U.S.A. when a bold but unwise bid by Becker helped the Italian declarer to make a slam on this hand:

Dealer East. North-South vul.

North: ♠ A J 5 2 ♥ A K Q 5 ♦ A J 9 4 ♣ 6
West: ♠ Q 10 4 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ 10 5 ♣ K Q J 9 3
East: ♠ 8 ♥ J 10 8 3 2 ♦ K 7 6 ♣ 8 7 5 2
South: ♠ K 9 7 6 5 ♥ 4 ♦ Q 8 3 2 ♣ A 10 4

In the open room, with Wolff and Hamman as North-South against Belladonna and Garozzo, the bidding was:

S.	W.	N.	E.
—	—	2♦	—
2♥	—	2 NT	—
3♣	Dbl.	3♥	—
4 NT	—	5♣	—
6♠			

North's 2♦ was Roman; showing a strong three-suiter 17-24 points. South's 2♥ was a relay and 2 NT indicated a singleton club and a lower range (17-20). South made a further inquiry with 3♣ which Garozzo doubled for a lead and 3♥ showed 19-20 points. South's 4 NT was Roman Blackwood, the response of 5♣ showing either no aces or three, in this case clearly the latter.

West led ♣K and much depended on finding ♠Q. As West had doubled 3♣ and had length in the suit he was more likely to be short in spades. South won with ♣A, ruffed ♣4 in dummy and played ♠A followed by ♠5 to ♠K. When ♠Q did not fall ♣10 was ruffed in dummy, ♦3 2 were discarded on ♥K Q and ♥5 ruffed in hand. Declarer now had to rely on the diamond finesse, which lost, so Italy gained 100. In the closed room with Mosca and Lauria as North-South against Becker and Rubin the bidding was:

S.	W.	N.	E.
—	—	1♣	2♥
2♠	4♣	4♥	—
4 NT	—	5♠	—
5 NT	—	6♠	

North opened a strong 1♣. East decided to try to make things difficult with a weak jump overcall on his emaciated suit. West attempted to increase the defensive barrage with 4♣ but all attempts were brushed aside and 6♠ was duly reached.

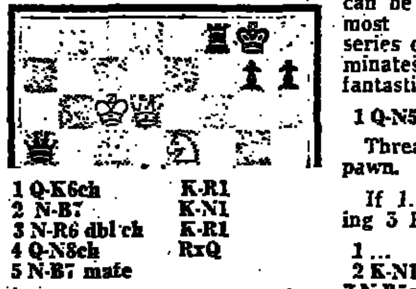
West led ♣K to ♣A. Lauria decided that East could have little besides his hearts and was more likely to have a singleton spade. He thought this more probable than West's supposed length in clubs. So he finessed ♠J and trapped ♠Q to make the slam for a score of 1,430 and a total gain of 17 imps.

The official book of the 1983 World Championship is published by the American Contract Bridge League and edited by Henry Francis. It has selected hands from the round robin matches involving Brazil, Central America-Carribbean, France, Indonesia, Italy, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sweden, U.S.A. 1 and U.S.A. 2, and the semi-finals.

The final is given in full, every deal being analysed by the Canadian international, Eric Kokish. There is also a résumé of the Bermuda Bowl from 1950 to 1983 and numerous photographs, excellent value at £19·70 from Bridge International, 30 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1AH.

CHESS B. H. WOOD

MY THEME is, again, that pretty "smothered mate" train of moves.



1 Q-K6ch	K-R1
2 N-B7	K-N1
3 N-R6 dbl ch	K-R1
4 Q-N8ch	RxQ
5 N-B7 mate	

I promised you last week a beautiful endgame study based on this. Here it is.

Black

White, to play and win

White is a pawn to the good. It does not seem possible for him to keep it, however: Black threatens 1...K-K2 (or K3) discovered check followed by 2... KxP or BxP.

Once the pawn disappears, not merely are the confronting forces equal but, even if one side were to lose one of its minor pieces, the game would still be drawn with best play. It is a hard job to win with K, B, N against bare king. It is impossible to mate with B and N against K with B or N and the addition of a queen on each side makes little difference.

Of course there are a few outré positions from which a win can be forced. The composer Seletsky has unearthed a position from which the win can be forced not merely by a most fragile and delicate series of threats but which culminates in a mating situation as fantastic as you could imagine:

1 Q-N5

Threatening to queen the pawn.

If 1...BxP; 2 N-B4 threatening 3 B-R 5ch wins.

1 ...	K-K3 dis ch
2 K-N1	KxP
3 N-B5ch	

If Black were to try 3... K-Q3, he would lose his queen through a succession of checks of which a typical train is 4 Q-N3ch KxN (or 4...K-Q4 B-B4ch!) 5 Q-QR3ch. Or 4... K-K2 5 Q-K5ch K-B2 6 B-B4ch K-N3 7 B-Q3ch K-R3 8 Q-R2ch.

So the king is driven into the corner.

3...	K-B1
Not 3...K-B2, 4...N-K6ch.	
4 B-R6ch	K-N1
5 Q-N3ch	K-R1

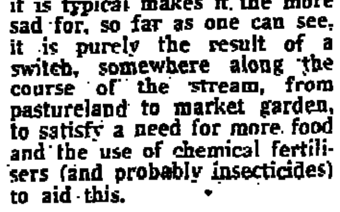
Now what? At every stage, you wonder how to maintain the calm, remorseless pressure.

6 B-N7ch!!	BxB
7 N-Q7	Q-Q1

The attacked queen must remain on the back rank in view of the threat of 8 Q-QN8 mate. White's first move with his king ensured that it cannot be checked to give Black a breather.

8 Q-N8ch	QxQ
9 N-N6 mate	

Final position:



ARTS REVIEWS

TV / **Habit kicked**

ONE OF the major success stories on the health and social front in our time has been the drastic decline in smoking. You don't have to look at statistics or learned papers for proof, you need only look around you.

Whether the welcome downfall of the noxious weed was brought about by medical propaganda, successive Chancellors of the Exchequer, or a mass outbreak of good sense, seems uncertain. What is sadly certain is that the hard drug habit remains simultaneously on the increase, particularly among the young.

London Weekend TV brought the ponderous but well meant weight of a studio "conference," Saving the Skag Kids (ITV) to bear on the problem last night. Although seen only in the London area, it dealt with a manifestly national dilemma.

Malcolm Meacher, one of the two politicians involved, thought that not nearly enough was being done to combat the increase in drug abuse but there seemed to be no lack of agencies, volutary and otherwise, in the field. Their conclusions on the possibility of stamming drug imports were depressing: all agreed that it cannot be done.

Drug-producing communities like the Pakistanis would resist attempts to close down the trade ("It would be like asking us to stop making whiskey" someone remarked) while British Customs working flat out can detect only 10 per cent. of smuggled heroin.

Treatment, it was agreed, was the only way forward but beyond that views diverged widely. A few extreme voices were heard calling for "liberalisation," effectively making ever heroin legal but they were in a clear minority: "Astinence should be the goal" urged one social worker earnestly.

There were no firm conclusions and not a lot of laughs in "Saving the Skag Kids". But one do-gooding contributor brought a wry smile to the features of the head of Scotland Yard's Drug Squad with the suggestion that, if only we had more legal business opportunities, some drug "entrepreneurs" (prise for euphemism, surely) could be lured from easy pickings to legitimacy.

Back for a fourth and final series, Central's **Shine on Harvey Moon** (ITV) found our hero being appointed chairman of the Royal Wedding Committee ("It could lead to Housing") falling out with his Continental girlfriend, Freda, and coping with his son's suspected polio.

Wether it is the plastered hair, the post war austerity, or the general air of down-market dreariness, I don't know, but "Harvey Moon" has, I fear, consistently passed me by.

Richard Last

THEATRE / **Joyful West**

WITH HALF the other London theatres given over to musical comedy, you may wonder if we need another. To wonder thus is to forget how very tuneful "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" can be. More melodious anyhow than most of the other shows.

And then there is its marvellously innocent gusto and shameless sexism. Should we complain at a spectacle which celebrates the stealing of women to serve as wives, or lyrics which ask without irony: "What do I need manners for? I already got me a wife"?

Of course not. This is Oregon in the mid-19th century as anyone who knows Stanley Donen's film from 1954 will remember: and the point is not to try to bother us with plot or morals but to discover at any rate in this belated stage version which reaches the **Old Vic** from the Theatre Royal, York—as many chances as possible for song and dance on the theme of *wild-boy-seizes-girl* and *girl-tames-him*. Only (of course) in multiples of seven.

You need a magnifying glass to tell from the programme who wrote the bouncy music (Gene de Paul, Al Kasha and Joel Hirschorn) or confected the scenario (Lawrence Kasha and David Landay). And the only name that registered with me is Johnny Mercer whose lyrics are regrettably boomed over a system of amplification which effectively detaches the players from their voices, which is a pity because they sound as if without such distortion they can really sing.

The other running snag, also noted in Michael Winter's production in Yorkshire last season, is the system of slatted timber for Bill Pinner's Wild West settings because not only can we peep too easily through it to watch the struggles of the stage hands preparing the next scene, but it is apt to hold things up or hinder Stephanie Carter's vivacious choreography for a young company of infectious exuberance.

But the general air of jubilation is a joy. The humour never strains for sophistication. The men are absurdly manly, the girls all too girlish—led by the enchanting Roni Page whose voice I long to hear plain. Her opposite number, Steve Devereaux, swaggers handsomely about as backwoodsmen will and if he sounds from time to time like a foghorn it is no doubt those wretched microphones.

It is the tunes that triumph with Miss Page as Oregon's Snow White turning the male shrews into domesticated charmers and although the show may be too boisterously danced in places it is good to be reminded again how high are British standards now in imitation of Broadway.

Eric Shorter

MUSIC / **Muti's Gift**

PROBABLY NO internationally acclaimed conductor has today a greater gift than Riccardo Muti for building programmes which, while full of variety and contrast, have been ingeniously compiled to stimulate in the listener's imagination all manner of illuminating cross-current and inter-relationships.

The linking of Mozart and Salieri, long familiar to musicians, may now have become commonplace even to those who have never in their life been near a concert hall. But how many conductors would actually have gone to the trouble to seek out a substantial orchestral work of Salieri, his set of 26 variations on the famous tune "La follia di Spagna," as a companion piece in the first-half of the Philharmonic Orchestra's **Festival Hall** concert on Thursday, to James Galway's playing of Mozart's G major flute concerto K.313?

In the impeccably stylish, brilliantly detailed theatricality of Muti's performance, the Salieri variations emerged as a work of a fascinating blend of the original, the eccentric and conventional. Often shooting off at the strangest of tangents, it proceeded not by way of sustained continuity or development, but rather by that of the unexpected, with much solo writing for the harp and violin in particular, and never afraid to turn to its own advantage slightly corny touches of a kind to which Mozart would never have succumbed, even when writing for an instrument that he disliked as much as the flute.

Nor was that all. For the second-half also contained its own enlightened juxtaposition, with Beethoven's first symphony prefaced by the at once noble and dramatically thrilling, although now rarely heard, overture "Lodoiska" by Cherubini, who Beethoven is known to have admired more than any other living composer.

Robert Henderson

OPERA / **Hampered cast**

THE STODGY, weak conducting of Jeffrey Tate, the listless playing of the Covent Garden Orchestra and the almost endless interval totally debilitated Thursday night's performance of "Ariadne auf Naxos" at the **Royal Opera House**, and severely hampered the appearance of a new cast in the principal roles.

Having to cope with these drawbacks, in addition to the bizarre antics of Jean-Louis Martinoty's restless and, to my mind, misconceived staging, the singers seemed not surprisingly a mite nervous.

However, in the Prologue the American *mezzo* Jeanne Piland, as the Composer, almost overcame the hazards of Mr Tate's lethargic beat and the producer's fantasies to give an honest, palpitating interpretation of the lovable role, but Franz-Ferdinand Nentwig, singing well enough as the Music Master, seemed, understandably, defeated by what was going on round him.

In the opera proper, Rosalind Plowright, in her opening arias, showed she had the stamina and strength of voice for Ariadne, but she seemed sometimes so concerned to project her tone into the house that she had little energy left over to think about a valid interpretation of the part but then she is given little chance by the staging's alienations to create a real character.

Celina Lindsley, another American singer, revived all one's worst thoughts about Zerbinetta with her hard-grained, efficient vocalisation and her all-too-knowing acting.

Alan Blyth

BRAINTWISTER

BT383: BILL-BOARDS bore Bill. As a builder he finds bill-board building belittling. He wants something more intellectually challenging.

"Right," said Quaddle, in his capacity as secretary of the local amateur dramatic society. "I want three bill-boards, each of them to be half as long again as it is high."

"Nothing doing," said Bill.

"Moreover, each of them should be an exact number of inches high," added Quaddle. "It will make measuring them so much easier, you know."

"Any nitwit could do that," said Bill.

"And one other thing," persisted Quaddle. "The second board is to be exactly seven and a half square feet larger than the first, and seven and a half square feet smaller than the third. If you think you can't manage the job, I'll get some nitwit to tackle it instead."

"I'll think about it," said Bill.

"I should if I were you," said Quaddle. "It will take some thinking about."

What were the dimensions of the bill-boards Quaddle asked for?

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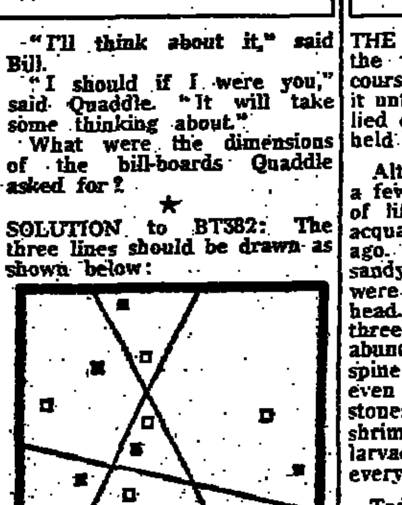

D. StP. BARNARD

NATURE

THE BROOK meandered along the valley. For much of its course you could stride across it until below the bridge it bellied out to form the millpond, held back by a sluice.

Although insignificant in size, a few inches deep, it was full of life when I first made its acquaintance a quarter-century ago. Turn over a stone on its sandy bottom and the chances were you would disturb a bullhead. Other fishes in it were three-spine sticklebacks, in abundance, the occasional ten-spine stickleback, lampreys, even brook trout. Most of the stones sheltered freshwater shrimps in profusion and the larvae of biting midges were everywhere.

Today the brook is virtually without fauna and the water looks lifeless. Instead of a stream sparkling in the sunshine, it looks grey and dull, from a growth of alga, a green-grey slime. Only one in 12 of the stones on its bed shelters a shrimp, only one where formerly there might be dozens. How many kinds of small animals are now missing is beyond computation. How many larger animals formerly obtained their food in part or in whole from the brook is matter for guesswork.

What we have here, in miniature, is an example of pollution, the effects of which have only become noticeable during the past few years. It is insidious pollution of the kind that is going on the world over. That it is typical makes it the more sad for, so far as one can see, it is purely the result of a switch, somewhere along the course of the stream, from pastureland to market garden, to satisfy a need for more food and the use of chemical fertilisers (and probably insecticides) to aid this.

MAURICE BURTON

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ROSIE: ABLY QUALIFIED TO CLOWN AROUND

● A black bowler hat decorated with plastic flowers, balloons and little toy animals, the trademark of Rosie the Clown.
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BY HILARY ALEXANDER

ROSEMARY GIBB has a number of letters after her name: BA, MA, M.Lit, among other things and, now, clown. "I'm probably the most qualified busker in the business," she said.

Rosie the Clown is a 42-year-old London housewife. She moves and talks at fast forward speed, breaking easily into the sort of ear-to-ear smile you associate with clowns.

She took up clowning six years ago at a stage in her life when many women look for new or different activities. Happily married, with two children, she began to get "that time is running out feeling."

Some women take courses in pottery or painting. Mrs Gibb joined a weekend workshop in clowning. She learnt elementary knife-throwing and how to lie on a bed of glass. The family was living in Brighton at the time and so the next weekend saw her lugging a sack of broken wine bottles up to the Churchill Square shopping precinct.

She tipped open the sack, made up her "bed" and lay down. "After a while I got up and did a few handstands and then realised I'd run out of things to do, so I put the glass back in the sack and went home." Her first public appearance netted the grand total of 7½p.

Today, Rosie the Clown's 50-minute act takes her all over the country. The night we meet, she was booked for a cabaret in London's East End. The previous weekend she was turning cartwheels and walking on her hands at the Liverpool Garden Festival. Last year she was invited to Italy and spent several weeks performing in Bologna. In August, she has been booked for a children's festival at the National Theatre.

Home life is, she said, the usual domestic circus. The family moved to Shepherd's Bush, London, only six months ago. Rosie the Clown's activities have been scheduled between moving and unpacking, sorting out schools, getting the garden organised and looking after the family Alsatian and two new kittens.

Nothing in Rosie's life had actually pointed towards her becoming a professional clown. Her father was a plastic surgeon and worked for many years in Africa. As a result, she grew up in Ethiopia, Rhodesia and South Africa. She went to school in Ireland from age 16, took her BA at Trinity College and then spent the next 15 years teaching and studying.

But she does recall family holidays in Guernsey when she would organise impromptu circuses, rope in all but the most recalcitrant pets and perform herself as combination ringmaster, clown and daredevil bareback rider.

She remembers her love of children, her years spent running youth clubs and the society she formed in Dublin in 1969 to teach gipsy children to read and write.

"Perhaps clowning was inevitable," she said. "I know that the first time someone said to me 'you'd make a wonderful clown.' I took it as a compliment."

It has, she confessed, given her a whole new philosophy on life. "When I first *started*, I *saw* it as a way of getting into street theatre, which was something I'd always wanted to try. Then I found that I really enjoyed it."

She taught herself juggling by practising with potatoes because they did not bounce when she dropped them. She studied magic books for months, trying without success to perfect a repertoire of tricks. "Eventually I gave up because I found people don't expect a clown to get a trick right. They laugh more when I get it wrong and at my frustration."

Her family, she said, gave her total support as she developed and enlarged her act. Husband Andrew, a pine furniture restorer, would do the washing-up as Rosie juggled the King Edwards. Son Jason, now 13, was quite happy to tie her up in a sack so that she could practise Houdini-like escapes. Daughter Tammy, now 15, initially "a bit confused as her mother turned into a clown," helped to make props.

Rosie juggles bookings as well as balls to make sure she has time for her family. "That's why I like to work alone. I'm my own mistress and I can be flexible about balancing family life and life as a clown."

Some of her happiest moments as a clown have been spent giving shows for the aged and mentally handicapped. She did this while living in Brighton under a sponsorship scheme she developed with local businesses. She is hoping to set up a similar project in London and is in the process of applying for an Arts Council grant.

"I've had tremendous responses from doing shows for the mentally handicapped. Men and women would come forward who hadn't spoken for years and talk to me. I think it's because they see me doing silly things and making a fool of myself and they then become not afraid to take risks and express themselves. I discovered when I was teaching how important it is not to be too serious. We all have our frailties."

Behind her smile, Rosie is saddened by many things. "*Life is sad*, or *can be. Since I was a child* I felt that life could be rotten and lousy and unfair and I was determined not to let it be like that.

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Enjoying an active life as Vice President's wife

By

Carol Thatcher

● Mrs Barbara Bush, wife of the American Vice President, has no regrets about having no career of her own. "The problem is not nothing to do, it's too much to do."

NANCY REAGAN may be touchy about questions regarding her age but white-haired Mrs Barbara Bush, wife of American Vice President George, has had to get used to being mistaken for her husband's mother.

"*It used to hurt me badly. I must confess that I'm tempted to give a kick in the shins but it doesn't happen as much anymore because people know me now.*"

She was in London this week at the end of a tour of Europe taking in seven nations in 11 days. The day the Bushes arrived here they had got up at 2 a.m. to fulfil an unscheduled but very welcome engagement—greeting the Beirut hostages on their arrival in Frankfurt.

Mrs Bush admitted to feeling tired but elated.

"We started out on this trip with the pall of the hostages over our country. We had no idea whether we were talking about months or an immediate tragedy."

Mrs Bush, who married her husband more than 40 years ago, at the age of 19, was brought up in New York State and has lived a nomadic life ever since. Her husband's career, which has included spells as Ambassador to the United Nations, head of the American Diplomatic Mission in Peking and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has meant that the Bushes and their five children have moved to 28 homes in 17 different cities over the years.

"I am not tolerant or sympathetic to people who want to be some place else," is Mrs Bush's philosophy about a nomadic life.

Home since 1980, has been the Vice President's house in Washington, which was built in 1893 and stands in the vast grounds of the Naval Observatory.

"As wife of the Vice President I can do as much or as little as I wish; I just happen to be very active. I run the Vice President's house and we do a lot of entertaining. I travel a lot; I've been to 60 countries and he's been to 64 since becoming Vice President.

"The truth is that I like official meals; I eat better than any human being I've ever known. I was built for the job. I have no problem coping but do I have a weight problem? Yes, I was born overweight."

Nevertheless she strives to keep fit even when doing seven countries in 11 days. "Yesterday in Paris, after we'd got through our morning activities, I went out and charged round the garden, walking 14-minute miles.

"At home I play tennis at 7 a.m. and get up every morning and put on a video and do stretching, toning and aerobics. If I'm very good I do it for an hour and a half but if I'm not, for about 45 minutes."

Mrs Bush adopted reading and the eradication of illiteracy as her special cause and edited a book "C. Fred's Story," written by her cocker spaniel which raised $68,000 dollars for national literacy programmes.

Easy going and very practical, she obviously enjoys the role of political wife and has no regrets that she hasn't pursued a career of her own.

Political life, she laughed, "consists of hurry up and wait." "Since George became Vice President I've discovered that life is made up of backballs and waiting rooms but I carry my needlepoint with me so that when they tuck me in a little room I pull it out. The problem is not nothing to do, it's too much to do."

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Time to look around, from an old canal boat for drifters

● Morning scene—in preparation for the cruises along the Cromford Canal, in Derbyshire, to Leawood Pumphouse. Picture by JOHN GAGG.

By John Gagg

DURING this National Waterways *Summer* many newcomers are becoming aware of canals. The popular way of seeing them is to hire a boat with all mod cons, and drive yourself.

Thousands do this, but not everyone feels capable of handling such a seeming monster. Some, too, would prefer to have someone else do the work of casting off, *steering*, working locks, mooring, looking after the boat, the engine, and the cooking. For them there are lazier ways of enjoying waterways.

Their natural choice is a "hotel boat." There are several of those roaming the waterways, and they offer small but comfortable cabins — usually both single and double — and often cordon bleu meals. Obviously, on our *narrow canals* especially, they cannot provide hotel-size rooms with en-suite bathrooms (though a boat on the Thames has a shower and wc with each cabin), but the accommodation is by no means spartan. There is hot and cold water, heating when necessary, shared bathrooms, and a lounge and a dining saloon.

The boats are the striking "narrow boat" shape, 70ft long and 7ft wide, some actually converted from traditional *working boats. There is* an out-of-this-world feeling about their beautifully-shaped long hulls, with bright "roses and castles" decoration.

Usually, the boats work in pairs, one with an engine towing the other as its "butty" (as did the working boats), and run by a *friendly* and knowledgeable crew. Even these pairs of boats take only 12 passengers. The cabins in the butty are, of course, remarkably quiet as you move along and, in any case, the canals must be the quietest places in the land.

The great delight of this kind of floating hotel is that you can do whatever you like. Sit in the lounge or in the air outside, get off and walk the towpath where the horses once trod (the boats move no faster than you) or even — if you feel like exercise — give a hand with intriguing job of working through a lock.

This involves letting water into or out of an oblong chamber to raise or lower the boat *to another level of canal. This* is how canals climb up slopes and in some areas in the midlands there are whole strings of locks. The variety of gear devised by the original canal companies for operating their locks is a study in itself, as is the "furniture" of the locks — the steps, end-gates, bollards, ladders, and nameplates — as well as the occasional remaining lockhouse.

All along the canals this variety continues. Long and short tunnels cut through hills, aqueducts cross roads and even stride over wide valleys and the very bridges vary greatly from canal to canal.

Bird-watch, use your camera (take plenty of film), *identify* flowers, watch the many other colourful boats pass: it is as far from a hectic package tour as you could possibly be. Call at waterside pubs, visit little village churches, sleep in eerie quiet, awakened by the dawn chorus.

Hotel boats move around the 2000-odd-mile waterway system in stages, and the idea is that you choose your joining point for a week or more, with all arrangements made for your pick-up and return. (Reckon on about £180 a week, average, for full board.)

The choice of stages is wide. There are the Midland canals with their many locks, or others on the outskirts of the system with very few. There are vast rural lengths or historic towns — and even industrial towns such as Birmingham, Leeds and Wigan. There you get an almost unbelievably *remote and different picture* from that of the motorists and lorries churning invisibly around you.

The boats call at cathedral towns such as Worcester, Chester, Gloucester and Lincoln. They moor for the night by Shakespeare's Memorial Theatre at Stratford, in the heart of Oxford, near Banbury Cross, or just at a quiet village inn.

But perhaps you want a lazy taste of canals for only a few hours rather than a week or more. Try, then, one of the many "trip-boats" all over the system, from the centre of London to the remote Ashby Canal.

Most are motorised, but the most spectacular are the few horse-drawn ones. These move silently on a long tow-rope behind a patient horse, exactly *as the trading boats moved* before engines were invented.

The one on the Ashby Canal takes in the celebration of the Battle of Bosworth. Another, on the Cromford Canal in Derbyshire, is remote from the rest of the canals, lost among trees, with an interesting restored steam pumping-station on its route.

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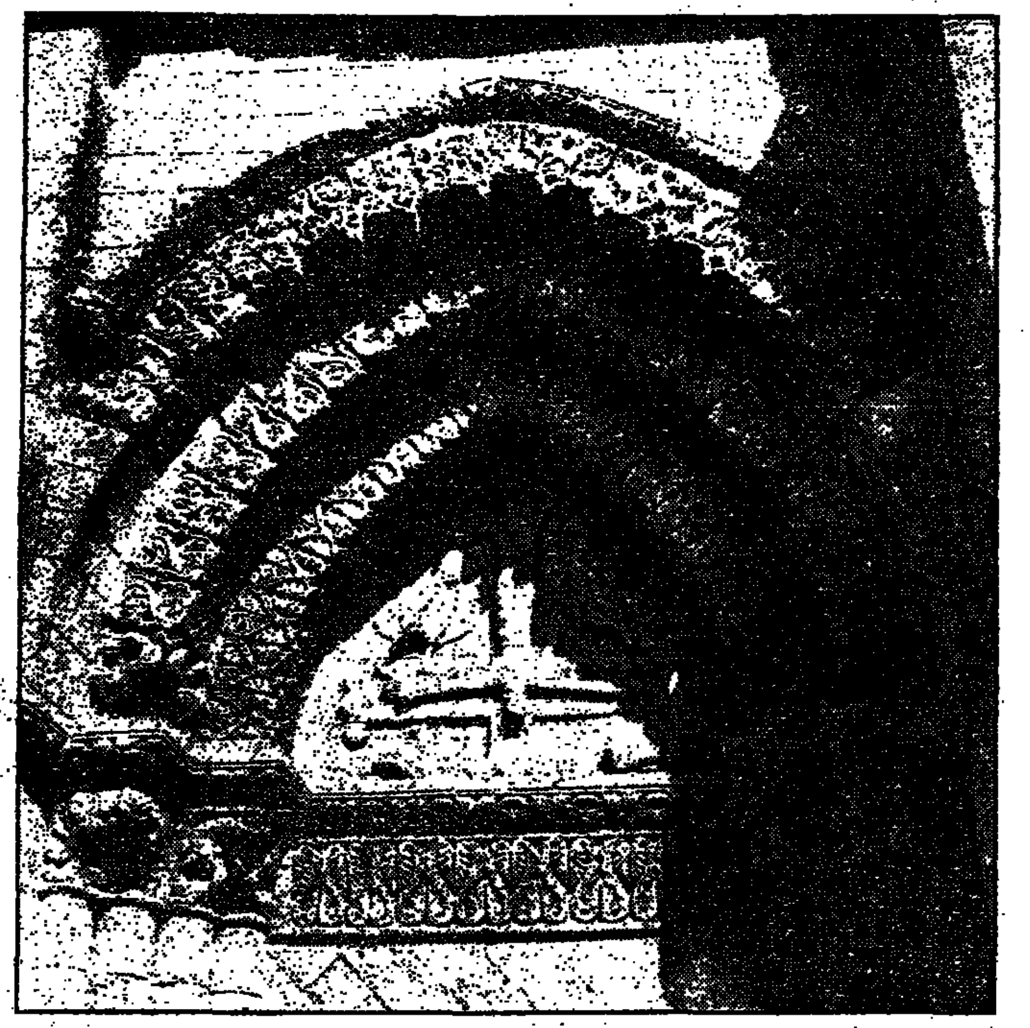
Travel

Dawdling on the drive down to Cognac country

By Elisabeth de Stroumillo



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● Beauty in stone—detail of one of the beautifully-carved West front portals of the 12th-century church of Aulnay, *in Poitou*. In the tympanum is represented the crucifixion of St. Peter.

THE excitement that any prospect of travel once engendered, now mostly stifled by horrible airports and charter flights, is for me most often recaptured just putting the car on a ferry to France.

That fat cornucopia of a country is so stuffed with marvellous sights and experiences to chance upon anow or rediscover, *that I could spend a lifetime of holidays there and* still have enough left for another lifetime.

Driving down to Cognac country last month from St-Malo, we took two days each way by different but equally rewarding routes, starting with a scene-setting breakfast in the St-Malo suburb of St-Servan: coffee and croissants by a market square, where one stall was piled high with sabots — evidence that Bretons have not forsworn all items of their traditional dress.

Vitré at noon, by way of Dol-de-Bretagne, was chosen *primarily* for a restaurant (of which more later) but also yielded a château, ramparts, and marvellous streets for wandering in, where medieval houses jut over the pavements on carved pillars.

After lunch, rain stopped play and we made no serious stops until evening. Thouars was to have been our choice for overnight — it has a church with a stunning Romenesque west door — but all its hotels were full, and we settled for Bressuire *instead*.

Next day, rain again limited us to one stop: Parthenay, with its ancient pilgrims' bridge and rue de la Vaux-St-Jacques, climbing from it to the castle.

Coming home, we stopped first at Aulnay, whose *miraculously carved* 12th-century church is one of the glories of Poitou — a part of France that has more than its fair share of glorious churches. We crossed the Marais Poitevin, that strange, once-marshy region cobwebbed with drainage canals drag by *medieval* monks, and spent the night in Fontenay-le-Comte, whose old quarter boasts some beautiful stone mansions and a flamboyant Gothic church.

On the last day, the best stop (apart from St-Malo itself) was Rennes. It being a Sunday, we decided to risk the city centre and spent a fine couple of *hours meandering in what* remains of the medieval quarter — largely destroyed by fire in 1720 — and past the imposing facades of its 18th-century rebuilding.

As for the lunch and overnight stops, which are almost as important elements of French exploration as the sights, we scoured the red Michelin and registered three hits and two near misses, which is fair, but not my best-ever score.

The hits were the Petit-Billot in Vitré (a delicious 51F menu that well deserved Michelin's "red R" accolade, and it looked a charming hotel, too); the Hotel Rabelais in Fontenay (recently and lavishly modernised, even to a swimming pool; double with breakfasts is about £23; and the Hotel du Commerce just south of St-Maixent-l'Ecole.

This is not in Michelin but, at well past midday in pouring rain, you're pretty safe at a "Hotel du Commerce" anywhere, and this one had an amazingly good 57F menu.

Near-misses were Bressuire's Hotel Boule d'Or (a borderline Logis de France, but cheap at under £15 apiece, including dinner) and the Voyageurs at Champtoceaux, on the Loire. This had recently *changed hands*, though, so Michelin cannot really be blamed, and my lunchtime **poisson au beurre blanc**, at least, was excellent.

Portsmouth / St-Malo return by Brittany Ferries for two plus car, with a top-grade double cabin both ways, is currently £260. If you plan a last Lucullan feast at St-Malo's Duchesse Anne restaurant, incidentally, book ahead: soon after seven in the evening, we had missed the last table.

I shouldn't have been surprised: advance book*ing (or very early arrival)* has always been prudent strategy at well-reputed restaurants.

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NOT THE APOCALYPSE

ALLIANCE 35 PER CENT.; Labour 34·3 per cent.; Conservatives 27·5 per cent. Nobody can explain away the figures. The news about Brecon and Radnor is bad for the Tories who held that seat in 1983 with 48 per cent. It is also bad for the pollsters, one of whom postulated only two days before the election a Labour lead of 18 per cent. *The assault on* Mr WORCESTER by Dr OWEN who declares "I personally have lost faith in the objectivity of Mori and yourself" is significant. However, the Conservatives have to face a result which if it were extrapolated even *at half strength* in a national election would show the Alliance and Labour with a working majority between them. Extrapolation at the full strength of Brecon and Radnor would leave Labour taking 123 extra seats and the Alliance a further 223.

This vision of the Apocalypse is, however, almost certainly not a reliable guide to the future. The result is greatly at odds with current national polls and with the local authority elections in May. The seat itself has few of the credentials required to be a "barometer" of national feeling (a by-election in the West Midlands, or outer London, or in a safe Tory seat in southern England would tell us more). The campaign was unusually influenced by local events. National issues seemed not to loom large. Brecon, in short, is not obviously an omen like Orpington in 1962. Rather, like Crosby in 1981 and Darlington in 1982, it may simply have allowed voters to indulge a classic mid-term protest, supporting Labour and the Alliance without risk of a Labour or an Alliance Government.

Mr KINNOCK has reasonable cause for satisfaction. An increase of nearly 10 per cent. in the Labour vote is solid evidence of an improvement in his party's performance and of a recovery in his own. Only the Alliance, however, has cause for great elation, and even its rejoicing should be tempered by scepticism. The only moral for the Tories would be too banal to be repeated if it were not so dangerously true: they must learn to present policies that are inevitably unpalatable far better than they now do.

TRAVELLING HOPEFULLY

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So apparently does Lord BOOTHBY, who described in a letter on this page this week how, after asking a porter whether a train at Victoria Station went to Brighton, he was ironically informed that it was actually destined for Fiji. But such imaginative improvisation and wit—surely the porter deserves some sort of G L C arts grant—will soon come to an end. A new "code of practice" will streamline the system to put customers first. The aesthetic pleasures of the scenic half-hour routes from one end of the ticket queue to the other will come to an end. So too will the intellectual challenge of deciphering the Byzantine code and tonal signals of the public address systems and the joys of those long, hot, summer afternoons with a Pimms in one hand and a telephone receiver in the other, waiting for an answer from travel inquiries.

The nation could never recover from the shock. Without British Rail to complain about, our national capacity for conversation could be severely inhibited, and the letter columns of this newspaper acutely affected. British Rail should take its new and inspired slogan to heart, and keep the imperative of hyper-efficiency firmly in perspective. Let us get there, British Rail, but not yet.

The one and the many

By the Very Rev. MICHAEL STANCLIFFE
Dean of Winchester

JUST over a century ago there was discovered in a monastery in Constantinople a unique 800-year-old Greek manuscript, the only known copy of a small manual written by an unknown Christian somewhere in the Eastern Mediterranean area right back in the late New Testament period. The book deals with various aspects of Christian behaviour and worship and includes two prayers for use in the Eucharist. One of them runs:

As this broken bread was scattered upon the tops of the mountains and being gathered became one, so gather thy Church from the ends of the earth into thy Kingdom.

One detail of this vividly expressed prayer is puzzling: one doesn't expect wheatfields on the high tops of Israel, Lebanon, Taurus or Olympus. It is lower down that one may hope to see "valleys so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing" (Psalm 65.13). But the general sense of the poetry of this prayer is clear enough — a single loaf of bread is made up of grains which had their origins in the ears of different plants growing in widely scattered places.

But they've come together in the bread of the Eucharist, and this symbolises the essential oneness of the widely scattered People of God. As Paul put it, in words which appear in most of the liturgies of Christendom: "Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor. 10.17).

We who are many are one body. Yet each remains a unique individual. The bread has therefore to be broken in pieces, as Jesus at the Last Supper broke it and give a piece to each of the Twelve. In this way the bread of the Eucharist symbolises not only that the Church is a corporate whole, so that what happens to one member affects all (1 Cor. 12.12-26); it also symbolises that each member has a personal part to play.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD is not like the ocean in which the drops of water are merged and lose their identity in the whole; but, "scattered upon the tops of the mountains," each Christian has his or her own individual contribution to make to the one bread, the one body (Romans 12.4-8).

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COMMENTARY

Ferdinand Mount

HERO of the week is surely the man who voted for Sunday trading at the Church of England General Synod when the synod voted 367-1 against it. I picture him as in a Bateman cartoon: ... some three-bottle country parson with a cash 'n' carry ticket. Or perhaps it was a woman, a hard-riding deaconess with an antique stall in the Sunday market.

Even the staunchest sabbatarian must admire the pluck of whoever it was who defied the Archbishop of Canterbury's warning that traditional Sunday observance marked "an ancient rhythm which cannot be disturbed except at our peril" and has been "enshrined in England's law for more than a thousand years."

Dr Runcie's history seems a little shaky here. I fancy he is confusing the laws which compelled people to go to church on Sunday — which are ancient and seldom enforced — with the laws against trading on Sunday, which are a more recent puritan innovation and have been quite strenuously enforced.

It is, I think, more than a coincidence that the second type of laws came in at roughly the time when the first type was falling into disuse—as though the puritans had decided that, if Parliament was unable to make people go to church, it was at least able to prevent them from having fun.

If we are taking Dr Runcie's thousand-year perspective, you could just as well say that "traditional Sunday observance" in this country involved cock-fighting, bear-baiting, getting drunk in the churchyard and doing peculiar things round maypoles.

In those days, there were plenty of Anglican bishops and clergy to protest against the suppression of the old Sunday feasts and ale-shops by "the preciser sort," believing that these "neighbourly meetings" actually encouraged people to come to church — rather like the theory behind the dreaded Continental Sunday. Now there is only one in 368.

IT WON'T do to write off the result of the Brecon and Radnor by-election as a Welsh freak unlikely to be repeated elsewhere. I believe that, in any case, many people in Radnorshire are loath to admit to being Welsh — or English for that matter — preferring to say instead "I am a Radnorshire man." The result surely does have a national message worth noting, not so much because the Alliance won or the Tories did so badly as because Labour came so close.

For 20 years or more, voters in by-elections have showned themselves extremely reluctant to vote Labour, unless driven to it by family piety. In all that time, Labour has gained only a couple of seats at by-elections and seldom if ever increased its vote.

Even in Brecon and Radnor it seems likely that quite a few people set out to vote Labour but at the last moment shied away. At best, Labour just about regained the share of the poll it won in 1979.

All the same, it is unmistakably becoming respectable to vote Labour again. In London, we see the same sour old ranters on the Labour benches and sigh to contemplate the soft, doughy mush which passes for Labour policy. But out in the country, the Labour party seems to be more kindly regarded. Mr Kinnock is clearly an amiable chap, says he'll do something about unemployment (not quite clear what, but it's early days), says he'll stand up to Mr Scargill (not quite clear how, but details will no doubt follow). If one wishes to give Mrs Thatcher a shock, voting Labour is the way to do it.

It remains to be seen whether this enthusiasm will last. But there are clear and immediate political consequences. For just over three years — from the Falklands campaign until yesterday lunchtime — the Government has not had to worry much about the Opposition. For good or ill, it was free to innovate and experiment. Mrs Thatcher had only her own backbenchers to watch out for.

But now, I am afraid, we are back on the old party game. Whitehall adjusts, discreetly but instantaneously, to the change in the air. Once again, civil servants will start advising their masters of "political difficulties" (translation: the Labour party could make hay with this one).

Ministers will look at a new idea and purse their lips and say "it needs more work" (translation: not until after the General Election). The expensive leg-spinners are sent off into the outfield to be replaced by tidy medium-pacers who give nothing away.

At such moments, the done thing is to advise Mrs Thatcher to Be Herself. Indeed, there is nothing much else she could be. And in some ways the Government's chances of electoral recovery are less harmed by being given a fright just before the halfway mark in this parliament than by a sudden, late slide which would be harder to reverse. With the economy growing steadily and unemployment beginning to fall, it is not hard to imagine how the Government might still win in 1987 or 1988. But will it still be a reforming government?

IAN BRODIE meets the first Arab in space

A prince who reached for the stars

THE message delivered from space by the first Arab astronaut differed sharply from the usual sanitised platitudes of Nasa-speak. Asked about the Beirut hostage crisis, Prince Sultan Salman Al-Saud replied: "Looking at it from up here, with trouble all over the world, not just in the Middle East, it looks very strange as you see the boundaries and borderlines disappearing. Lots of people who are causing some of these problems ought to come up here and take a look."

Terrorists in space? Yes, and trouble-makers of every other ilk, said the prince when I met him this week after his intensive post-flight de-briefing at the Nasa Space Centre in Houston.

It would be unfair to dismiss Al-Saud as a rich fly-boy who was given a ride on the shuttle because his uncle is King Fahd of Saudi Arabia. He has studied too hard and behaved too responsibly to deserve that.

Everyone at Nasa was impressed by the way he threw himself into both the arduous weeks of countdown and the seven-day mission. Even more importantly, at a time when Arab gunmen were dominating the world stage, there in a separate spotlight was Al-Saud as proof to millions of Arabs of the success their young people can enjoy. He is still adjusting to the celebrity status the flight conferred; and the example he must continue to set to others.

"The other day I went to a gathering of Arabs in Houston and about 30 children sat in front of me and just stared and stared," he said. "They hung on my every word. I told them to work hard, play hard and hit those study books every chance you get. One of them said he was starting at once, not waiting until classes begin again."

Similar hero-worship has broken out in Saudi Arabia: "All the children are wearing space-flight T-shirts and now they want to grow up to be astronauts rather than soccer stars. Nothing quite like this has ever happened to my country before. The mission caught the imagination of everyone, young and old, men and women, political and religious. Everyone saw something in it they liked."

In Al-Saud's view, his selection for the flight was confirmation to all Saudis that the state education system they are developing is worth the effort: "No one ever dreamed the system could produce an astronaut. It showed us that all those years of work have paid off."

The prince was a product of the system where he completed elementary and secondary school before going to the University of Denver to study mass communications. He worked first as a researcher in the foreign department of the Saudi Information Ministry. Along the way he logged more than 1,000 hours flying

assorted jets and helicopters and earned a commercial pilot's licence.

He is now acting director of the commercial department of Saudi television and it was in this role that he was chosen by the 22-nation Arab Satellite Communications Organisation to oversee the release of their newest telecommunications satellite from the eighteenth shuttle flight. Nasa's bill for the launch of $9·2 million included his week in space where he lived cheek-by-jowl with six others, one of them a woman.

Just 29 and unmarried, Al-Saud has the darkly handsome features of the young Omar Sharif, but he is also tall, broad-shouldered and quite shy. He has a knack of always looking immaculate, whether striding the corridors of Nasa in a double-breasted suit or floating about in orbit in space dungarees. He keeps in trim with skiing, scuba-diving, raquetball, swimming and jogging.

During the pre-flight preparations he had the considerable distraction of being publicly identified by Mrs Moya Lear as a possible saviour for the Lear Fan executive jet on which the British government had lavished £57 million in the hope of producing the aircraft in Ulster. The prince is a member of a Saudi consortium which invested in the project two years ago when the British money began to dry up. He explained, however, that he was never in a position to inject an extra £385,000 to save Lear Fan from bankruptcy, as Mrs Lear had suggested.

He said: "My inclusion in the consortium was because of my background in aviation. But I wasn't involved in the direct decision-making and didn't see myself as a saviour. It was unfortunate that the programme didn't work out. I saw a lot of co-operation from the British Government in their eagerness to get jobs for Northern Ireland."

With the successful launch of Arabsat on his second day in space, Al-Saud "began breathing again" and turned to a list of other chores arranged for him. Saudi Petroleum engineers asked him to mix and photograph oil and water in weightlessness to help research into oil spills on earth. Several times he was wired like a circuit board by the French astronaut in the continuing study of space sickness and the effects of weightlessness on the body.

Al-Saud said his happiest times were during five daylight passes over Saudi Arabia which he photographed with a 70mm Hasselblad camera. Displaying these spectacular slides with boyish enthusiasm, he declared modestly: "I think they made a photographer out of me." The pictures show the Arabian peninsula partially obscured by a vast dust storm, but he was still able to identify Mecca clearly.

As a Sunni Moslem, he studied the Koran in space and observed the crescent of the new moon from the shuttle's windows as it rose on the western horizon immediately after sunset at the end of the festival of Ramadan. He also received a message of congratulation sent by King Fahd from the summer palace south of Jeddah.

All these doings were recorded in copious detail by Arab journalists, who descended on Nasa in force, and were also avidly followed by Saudi television.

Al-Saud was pleased with the coverage. "All too often you only get the bad news, like the reports on the terrorists. This flight was an inspiration to hundreds of thousands of young people who only want to work hard, build careers and live in peace in the Arab world. And it wasn't just me. We had a team of 25 scientists and engineers in Houston and hundreds more were involved at home."

When the prince speaks of his fellow young people he includes women. He acknowledges they must play a bigger role than their veiled and cloistered traditions have allowed. He said: "Maybe their role is only being recognised slowly, but I think slowly is better than never. The important change is the image Middle East women have of themselves. I hope the West will understand us. Remember, it took us a long time to understand the West."

As for his own future, Al-Saud will return to Riyadh, report to the king and hopes to resume his television duties which include bringing the new satellite into operation. But the Royal House of Saud is also likely to send its newly-minted hero on tour, a polished and positive symbol of Arab youth.

Healey's 'certainty' comes unstuck

STRANGELY ENOUGH the shrewdest bet in the Brecon by-election was placed by Richard Vero, agent for Screaming Lord Sutch and his Monster Raving Loony party while, at the same time, one of the country's most experienced politicians came unstuck.

Before the poll Denis Healey placed £1 at evens for Labour saying, with some lack of foresight: "I only bet on certainties."

While Vero, whose party is notching up a record number of lost deposits, bet the order of the seven parties in the poll: Alliance, Labour, Conservative, Plaid Cymru, Loony Party, Independent Conservative and Cure Multiple Sclerosis.

He obtained odds of 8-1 for his bet which included the crucial surprise that the M R L P would beat the Independent Conservative, Roger Everest, who was campaigning on a platform supporting Francis Pym.

"It proves we're not as loony as all that," he said. Alas, his confidence like Healey's, stretched no further than a £1 bet.

Freedom is the spur

FIVE MONTHS after learning that a London property company planned to turn the Cavalry and Guards Club into yet another West End hotel, the club's 5,000 members are still no nearer knowing whether they will have a home when the club's lease runs out in September 1988.

The fine 18th century building at 127 Piccadilly was bought last year with a package of nearby properties by Jacob Rothschild's Stockley group. Initially the club committee had hoped to buy the freehold from Stockley for a fair market price but, alas, views differed on the definition of the word "fair."

It quickly transpired that Stockley was keen to turn the place into a hotel and, I gather, planning permission is soon to be sought. In the meantime the committee, led by the chairman, Major General John Strawson, is planning a campaign to preserve the club, which has occupied the building for the past 90 years.

Given that there are so few remaining service clubs, that the place provides a comfortable *pied a terre* for so many serving and retired officers, and that there are already a fistful of excellent hotels in the area, it would be regrettable if Stockley now strengthened its armlock.

Broad church

CASSOCK MAKERS and clerical outfitters look set to make a mint from the sale of women's tailor-made cassocks now that the Church of England has decided to ordain women deacons. But there are still bargains to be had, I am told.

Although outfitters are still eagerly waiting for Parliament to ratify the General Synod's overwhelming vote, Wippels, one of Britain's most traditional firms tell me they have a number of individually tailored cassocks held in stock at reduced prices because they did not quite measure up to the requirements of the original customer.

But before there is a stampede in the direction of Westminster Abbey where the shop is to be found, I am warned that these particular cassocks will only fit either the exceptionally petite or the handsomely fulsome.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

As several readers have gleefully pointed out, I was guilty the other day of repeating (not for the first time) my own joke. However, the "No Christians in Cardiff, try Swansea" story reminds a reader of the time she was trying to contact a cousin, surnamed Human, on holiday in a hotel in Canada. After a pause the receptionist replied: "No Humans here, only tourists."

Audacious flight

MY STORY about Francis Luxmoore plugging a shot-up plane's fuel system with chewing gum reminds a reader of the extraordinary exploit of Captain Walter Anderson and his observer, Lieut John Mitchell in 1919 while flying with 47 Squadron against the Bolsheviks in South Russia.

They too were shot-up and losing petrol so Mitchell climbed on to the lower wing of their DH 9 and plugged the holes with his fingers.

They then spotted another DH 9 which had been forced down by enemy fire. The crew fought off the Red cavalry with their Lewis gun until Anderson landed alongside. They then climbed into Mitchell's cockpit. He then resumed his position on the wing, stuck his fingers back into the holes and they flew off to safety.

Both Mitchell and Anderson were awarded the D S O.

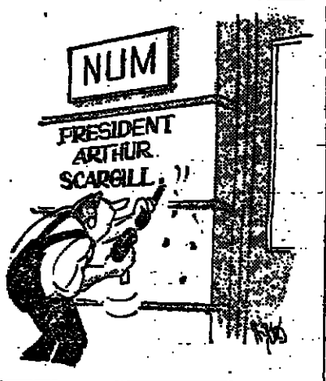
According to the LISTENER *the hounding of smokers has reached the skies. On a recent Air Canada flight the steward announced: "Anyone caught smoking in the rest rooms will be asked to leave the plane immediately."*

Gathering afloat

WHEN Princess Anne attends the Passing-Out parade of the remaining survivors of the destroyer Kelly, Lord Mountbatten's wartime command, today there will undoubtedly be some discussion among the old shipmates about where their next reunion will be held.

The H M S Kelly Reunion Association holds its biennial gatherings on H M S President which is moored off the Embankment. But President's future is uncertain and she is unlikely to be there next May when the next reunion is planned.

Prince Charles, who took his great



uncle's place as President of the Association after Mountbatten's murder, once said lightheartedly to the Association "we had better have it on Britannia one day."

Now the Kelly survivors are wondering whether he might live up to his word.

In the pink

THE DEAL EXPRESS reports that the burghers of Sandwich, Kent, are seeking to replace their yellow no parking lines with more tasteful ones in a gentle shade of pink.

The Cinque Port, which is soon to host the British Open Golf Championship, is apparently concerned that the yellow lines detract from its ancient architecture and give the place a garish look.

The council has just agreed to ask Kent County Council for the pink lines. I await the reply with considerable interest.

A novel story

RICHARD HUGGETT'S play, "A Study in Hatred," which is to be broadcast on the "Saturday Night Theatre" slot on Radio 4 tonight is also a study in gritty determination.

Before being given tonight's ultimate accolade of a major radio presentation, the play was rejected six times over five years by the B B C —a statistic bettered only by the 52 rejection slips which Huggett's novel on the same subject garnered.

But optimism obviously pays dividends. Huggett says the story of how the actor, William Terriss, was stabbed by a mad Scotsman in 1897, came to him after a strange paranormal experience six years ago outside the Adephi Theatre.

They'll swing for this

FROM a recent edition of the SOUTHERN REPORTER in Roxburghshire: "A Cole Porter antique finger ring holder has been stolen by thieves from a display area in Floors Castle, Kelso."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS

Dangers of a 'hung' Parliament

SIR,—Prof. Richard Rose's interesting analysis (July 2) of current voting patterns raises again the prospect of a "hung" Parliament, with the next government of this country being chosen by a group of S D P and Liberal M Ps elected by fewer than a third of the voters.

As the introduction of proportional representation is likely to be a price demanded for Alliance support, we may be condemned to a permanent multi-party system and government by shifting coalition. That might be good for ambitious minority-party politicians but will it be good for democracy?

A two-party system offers the electorate the choice between alternative governments and, with up-to-date constituency boundaries, the governing party will usually have won more than 50 per cent. of the votes.

Minority-party politicians have the options of either replacing one of the major parties eventually or joining one of them, as in the United States where the Republican and Democratic parties each contain a spectrum of political views from Liberal to Conservative.

Only the "first past the post" system offers the possibility of a return to two-party democracy and any debate on changing it for P R should take place now rather than after a General Election when juggling for power could lead to irrevocable change with no public discussion.

JOHN WAKEFIELD
Twickenham, Middx.

NHS spending

From Mr MICHAEL MEACHER M P (Lab.)

SIR—Mr Godfrey Barker's travesty that passes for an account of the Commons debate on the Health Service (July 3) constructs a mountain of parody out of just two allegations. Even those two allegations turn out to be demonstrably false.

First he alleged Labour was "up against the damaging facts" that N H S spending was up by 20·5 per cent. in terms of the Retail Price Index since 1979. But the Government's own figures (Table 1 to D H S S evidence to the Select Committee Report on Public Expenditure on the Social Services) reveal that the true increase was actually 8·2 per cent., because real terms in the N H S is measured not by the Retail Price Index, but by N H S pay and prices (a point I made clearly in the debate which Mr Barker conveniently disregards).

Even this 8·2 per cent., however, does not measure improvements in the N H S because, according to the Government's

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own figures, 4·7 per cent. of it was absorbed by extra demand from the growing number of elderly people and a further three per cent. was absorbed by the faster-than-inflation rise in the cost of medical technology.

The net real growth in the N H S over the last six years has therefore been less than 0·1 per cent. a year—hardly a record to write home about. And this year spending on services to patients will actually fall because of the Government's refusal to fund more than three per cent. of the nurses' nine per cent. pay award.

Mr Barker's other allegation is that Labour accused the Government of "murdering" patients. Since nobody made any such allegation, his insinuation is manifestly synthetic. What Labour did say is that people needing thigh hip replacements or open-heart surgery die before they can get to the top of the waiting lists (as doctors said at the B M A conference a week ago), that 1,000 women die needlessly each year because no cervical screening recall system is organised, that 1,500 kidney patients die each year because not enough dyalisis machines are available, and so on.

The Minister (and Mr Barker it seems) dismisses all such facts as "anecdotal." They should ask anyone in the street.

MICHAEL MEACHER
House of Commons.

Knocking the railways

SIR—I wish to express my strong disapproval of your inclusion of Lord Boothby's letter.

On that day, 1,000,000 other travellers might have travelled well satisfied with the service, but one doesn't know.

Nothing in the letter is sufficiently unusual (unfortunately) to warrant publication, and it unnecessarily knocks a nationalised industry in a manner which would not be tolerated if a private company were involved. Moreover, this is done in a situation where direct private competition exists. So the letter does little for either traveller or staff morale, or for railway management in encouraging people to travel.

Established channels already exist through, for instance, the Transport Users' Consultative Committees for forwarding complaints about railway services.

N. G. HARRIS
Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.

Designed to help

SIR—While not condoning the apparent rudeness which Lord Boothby described, during his unwilling sojourn at Victoria Station (July 2), I cannot understand why, in the first place, he did not do what the second ticket collector told him: look at the indicators. They are simple devices, designed to help the traveller, which in turn keeps station staff free to do the job they are paid to do. Ticket collectors are able to collect tickets, their primary purpose being to deter non-paying passengers.

If Lord Boothby wishes to join a game merely to ask an apparently silly question, then he must not be too surprised when he receives short shrift.

CHRISTOPHER H. MARTIN
Winchester, Hants.

Pressure point

SIR—Mr F. Pack suggests (June 28) that the legends ("stormy," "rain," etc.) on a dial-type barometer reflect the incurable pessimism of its inventor.

My experience during extensive visiting in people's houses indicates a link between the readings of individual barometers and the temperaments of their owners. Those who are of a gloomy disposition have barometers that read up to one inch (34 millibars) below the true value; those of a cheerful disposition, up to one inch above.

The correct reading is of no consequence. All that matters is that the needle should flicker up and down within a span related to the owner's temperament. I leave it to Mr Pack to rescale the barometer accordingly.

PETER PETHERBRIDGE
Watford, Herts.

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Law Commission call to drop law on blasphemy

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

THE centuries-old crimes of blasphemy and blasphemous libel should be abolished the Law Commission said in a report to Parliament yesterday.

The five Law Commissioners were unanimous in deciding that the law which penalises only publications that insult or vilify Christ, the Christian religion and the Established Church should be scrapped.

They were divided, however, on whether new laws are needed to protect religions in general.

Sir Ralph Gibson, the Commission's chairman, who is a High Court judge, and Mr Brian Davenport, QC, favoured a new statutory crime which would penalise anyone who published grossly abusive or insulting material about a religion with the purpose of outraging religious feelings.

If the present Common Law offences were abolished, cases where religious feelings were deliberately outraged without committing a breach of the law would be sufficiently serious to justify this new offence, they felt.

However, the three most recently appointed Commissioners, Mr Trevor Aldridge, a solicitor, and Prof. Julian Farrand and Mrs Brenda Hoggett from Manchester University concluded that the old offences should be abolished without replacement.

'Too wide'

They felt that any new crime would be unacceptably wide in scope and difficult to operate in practice. Other laws governing public order, indecency and obscenity were sufficient to protect the public peace and the interests of the community.

The Commission had an unusually heavy response from 1,800 organisations, groups and individuals to its working paper, published in April 1981, which proposed that while blasphemy should cease to be a crime, the law against abusive and insulting behaviour in places of worship should be strengthened.

A majority of those who had written or signed petitions urging retention of the law on blasphemy had done so, however, in response to organised campaigns, including one by Mrs Mary Whitehouse's National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, said the report.

It was a successful private prosecution by Mrs Whitehouse—the first since 1922—brought in 1977 against GAY NEWS, a newspaper for homosexuals, and its editor, Denis Lemon, that led to the review of the blasphemy laws by the Law Commission.

The prosecution, over publication of a poem that suggested homosexual practices by Christ, led to the paper's being fined £1,000 and Lemon £500.

A nine month suspended jail sentence imposed on Lemon was quashed by the Court of Appeal which, like the House of Lords, dismissed appeals against conviction.

In its report yesterday the Commission found that the law was so uncertain that it was difficult to know in advance whether what a person wanted to publish constituted the crime of blasphemy.

Because of the absence of any requirement of intention to blaspheme, the law could penalise someone of sincere religious convictions if a jury found that what he had written or published was sufficiently "insulting" or "scurrilous" to be blasphemous.

The Commission concluded that there was no justification for a crime that provided protection only for the Christian religion and the tenets of the Church of England, even though it was the established religion.

A large number of those who wished to retain a law of blasphemy thought that the present limitation protecting the Church of England could not be justified, and that the protection should be extended not merely to all Christian denominations but also to other religions.

However, although a large majority of those commenting on the Commission's working paper wanted a law of blasphemy to be retained, the Commission concluded that there was no justification for a crime of blasphemy merely to protect religious beliefs.

Last night Mrs Whitehouse attacked the majority recommendation to abolish the present law of blasphemy without replacing it as "unrealistic." She doubted that Parliament would accept this.

(Law Commissioners Report No. 145, Offences Against Religion and Public Worship; Stationery Office, Price £4·90.)

Runcie warns Synod of polarisation danger

By Canon D. W. GUNDRY Churches Correspondent

THE Archbishop of Canterbury today spoke out about the danger of a "destructive polarisation" within the Church of England's parliament, the General Synod.

All too often, Dr Runcie said, the Synod "is in danger of a destructive polarisation which appears to be becoming a characteristic of our culture."

The Synod had "revealed deep differences and tensions among us. Sometimes in our debates I have felt that the protagonists have just not been listening to each other. We need to meet and talk with each other rather than huddle in like-minded groups."

Finding truth in others and bringing it to a common faith required restraint, mutual respect and a *commitment* to each others. "It is not a way which commends itself to the inflexible, the impatient or the person whose horizons have narrowed to a single issue.

"But I would suggest that this is the way by which all the great questions of the past have been dealt with; not by preemptive pronouncements but by engagement, even argument, leading on to understanding, consensus and decision where once this seemed inconceivable.

'Diversities of view'

"The Church of England is historically committed to that difficult ideal of being both Catholic and Reformed." Since the 16th Century, he added, "we have been an ecumenical movement in our own right."

Divisions within rather than between Churches were now common elsehere. "Hardly one Christian communion exists which does not have within it diversities of view— a conservative Right, whether Protestant or Catholic, a radical Left, and a broad Centre."

This was not to be regretted. The Synod had discovered during the last five years the truth of the Duke of Wellington's reply when asked about the Battle of Waterloo: 'Forget all the drama. What matters is quiet, hard slog'.

The Synod, he said, was a body which has the possibility of doing great good. It can provide resources and effect reforms, it can be a forum for Christian concern and debate" but "it cannot build up a local community in prayer and mission; it cannot take Christian love and service into places of unbelief and alienation."

During the four-day session at Church House, Westminster, the members had discussed such subjects as human embryology, Sunday trading and women deacons. The Synod now ends its five-year term and elections are being held this autumn.

MAN TORE COUNCIL FLAT APART

NO ONE believed Mr Cecil Downer, pensioner, when he complained that his neighbour upstairs was destroying their council home.

But the neighbour, Geoffrey Simpson, a University graduate, had "totally demolished" his first-floor flat, said Mr Joel Clompus, prosecuting, at Willesden Crown Court, yesterday.

Council officials failed to visit the Victorian terrace house in Mordaunt Road, Harlesden, despite at least 10 complaints from Mr Downer. It was only when, in desperation, Mr Downer stopped Pc Larry Gillard in the street last March that the demolition job came to light.

In a statement read to the court Pc Gillard said that he found Mr Downer's ceilings on the point of collapse, the walls wringing wet and the door frames out of alignment.

When he questioned Simpson about the condition of the premises he replied: "I'm making some improvements. I'm doing the place up nicely."

'Cheap rubbish'

Pc Gillard found that the door to Simpson's flat was held up by a piece of concrete. The place was in darkness because the windows were bricked up and the electricity disconnected. All the inside walls had been demolished.

"The flat was structurally unsound," said Mr Clompus. "The floor was moving and bricks and rubble filled the joists." Fixtures and fittings had been torn out and water was running on to the floor through a waste "pipe" made of old soap packets.

Simpson said that he had removed the central heating boiler and sold it to the dustmen. "I don't like this cheap council rubbish," he added.

Mr Clompus said that council officials finally visited the house about 15 months after the beginning of Simpson's improvements." The building needed "total reconstruction" which would cost about £35,000.

Simpson, a former computer programmer, who pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage between November 1983 and March 1985, was put on probation for three years on condition that he received psychiatric treatment.

'SAFE' SEX FOR YOUTH BACKED

THE Methodist Church decided yesterday that it might be in the best interests of some teenagers to have safe sexual intercourse under the age of 16.

The Methodist Conference in Birmingham decided by an overwhelming vote to support doctors who want to give the contraceptive pill to under-age girls without their parents' consent.

The Conference passed a resolution which said that doctors should try to persuade girls to tell their parents.

But the resolution added: "Where such persuasion is unsuccessful we believe a decision on whether to prescribe contraceptives should be determined in the best interests of the young person concerned."

The resolution was put by a church social worker, Miss Ann Scott, from Smethwick, Birmingham, who said: "If a doctor does not prescribe the Pill, experience shows that it does not result in a sudden rush of chastity, but only in one more schoolgirl pregnancy."

Parental consent

The Conference accepted an amendment from a Church member Mr John Hicks, QC, which said that they were not asking doctors to break existing law.

Afterwards Mr Hicks said: "I was talking about High Court ruling which means that doctors may not prescribe the Pill to under-age girls without parental consent.

"I do not believe that a doctor who prescribes the Pill for a girl under 16 is necessarily breaking the law by aiding and abetting sex below the age of consent."

The Conference rejected the proposals of Dr Edmund Marshall and Dr Kenneth Leese, a community doctor in Bury, Lancashire, who out forward a resolution saying: "Nothing should be done to undermine the responsibility of parents towards their children."

The doctors said that the Pill should not be given without parental consent unless there were grounds for believing that telling the parents could harm family relationships.

Dr Marshall said that there might be difficulties for young people in confiding in their parents, but in many cases those difficulties were imaginary.

The Rev. Jessie Cobb, from Bingham, Derbyshire, said that she had been a teacher in London and coming from a secure and loving home had been shocked by the circumstances surrounding many young girls.

She said: "For many, parental confidence has broken down . . . there is no example of marital fidelity . . . many girls are still, unfortunately, regarded as less important than boys. Very often the only way they can feel important as persons is through sexual intercourse.

"After talking to them what you want to do is to counsel them and to help them to get through as best they can until they know what they are doing."

CZECHS BAR CHURCHMEN

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Hume, and Cardinal Koenig, Roman Catholic Primate of Austria, are among foreign religious dignitaries refused visas by Czechoslovakia after being invited by the Czechoslovak Church to attend a 1,100th anniversary of the death of St Methodius.

The Czechoslovak Embassy in Vienna said the celebrations at the Moravian village of Velehrad were "state festivities" and that no foreign visitors would attend apart from the Vaticans Secretary of State, Cardinal Casaroli.—Reuter.

SMOKING AND HELL FIRE

Anglican clergy were yesterday urged to preach anti-smoking sermons and to spread the message: "Exercise is fun."

Writing in a Church of England magazine Dr Alan Sheard, district medical officer of East Yorkshire, said: "One in every four smokers is killed by tobacco, but I have yet to hear this evil condemned from the pulpit. Although some clergy are interested in faith healing, it seems to be rare for them actively to extol the virtues of good health."

INVESTMENT DECISION FOR COUNCIL

Tory-controlled Merton council in south London is to decide next Wednesday whether to become the first local authority to invest in the stock market.

Mr Paul Wright, the council's financial director, said that depending on the strength of world prices and British interest rates, the additional income gained in a year from a £30 million investment could be more than £1 million.

"It is no different from shopping around and putting your money in a higher interest building society account, instead of a bank deposit account," he said. Labour councillors have failed to obtain guarantees that investments will not be made in South Africa, or subsidiaries of South African companies.

ARSON AT SCHOOL

The Perse School for Girls, at Cambridge, was badly damaged in a fire yesterday, and the police suspect arson. The public schooll's 500 pupils were told to stay at home for the day.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother being shown a picture of herself by 90-year old Mr John Watts, during her visit yesterday to Saighton camp, near Chester, where the King's Regiment is holding its tercentenary celebrations. The Queen Mother is Colonel-in-Chief of the regiment.

Otters, fame and tragedy

IT is 25 years since the writer, adventurer and aristocratic opter-out Gavin Maxwell published "Ring of Bright Water," the story of the otter Edal.

The book was an immediate success, but within five years of its publication a series of calamities deprived Maxwell of the last vestige of his happiness. He died in 1969.

In THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow Douglas Botting tells the extraordinary story of the fame and ultimate taregdy of his friend Gavin Maxwell — a reckless, whisky-drinking man "more accident prone than any human-being I have met."

Art Sales

CANALETTO UNKNOWNS RE-SOLD

By ALISON BECKETT Art Sales Correspondent

TWO views of the Grand Canal in Venice by Canaletto, which the owner bought earlier this year apparently at an auction in South Africa for the equivalent of £2,200 were resold by Christie's in London yesterday for £680,000.

Both purchased by the New York dealers Hirschl and Adler, the paintings were identified by Christie's from photographs. They were previously unknown except through an engraver's work done in 1742, two or three years after their completion.

The first, of which Visentini made an engraving, showed the Palazzo Contarini dagli Scrigni and fetched £360,000; while the other, of which he only did a preparatory drawing, depicted the Palazzo Tiepolo and the Loredan and went for £320,000.

They were among the highlights of an old master picture auction which totalled £2,715,000 and also included a portrait of a gentleman by Moroni dated about 1565 which was sold to the *London dealers Harari and* Johns for £320,000.

Big disappointment

The Countess Sepncer's chest of drawers which originally belonged to Louis XV and was estimated at £200,000 proved a big disappointment at Satheby's in London where the piece was unsold at £85,000. The French furniture auction overall totalled £921,760.

Ephemera attracted enormous interest at Christie's South Kensington ranging from a 1929 Huntley and Palmer tin in the shape of a grandfather clock which made £200 to a signed photograph of Winston Churchill at £620.

Art deco star

A Royal Doulton character jug modelled as "The Hatless Drake" barely 45 years ago was the star of an Art Nouveau and Art Deco sale at South Kensington where it fetched £5,300; while Martinware also did well, two 1902 bird tobacco jars each making £1,500.

Prices do not include buyer's premium which is eight per cent at Christie's King Street and ten per cent at Sotheby's but is not applicable at South Kensington.

COUPLE LOSE SECOND SON

A couple whose baby son died three weeks ago have lost a second son, aged two and a half. On June 18 Matthew Cash, aged eight weeks, was found dead in his cot in Fishtoft Road, Boston, Lincs. Two days ago his elder brother Richard drowned in a water tank on his parents' allotment.

Mr and Mrs Tony and Maureen Cash had taken Richard with them to the allotment, and he wandered off to play as they worked. They found him 10 minutes later face down in the uncovered tank.

Eviction for baronet's widow in estate row

By JENNY SHIELDS

ANNE, Lady Jaffray, who is suing her Baronet son for what she believes to be her rightful share of the family estate, has been evicted from her home in Hampshire after falling behind with the mortgage repayments.

Lady Jaffray, 63, widow of a landowning baronet, was evicted from Haydown House, Weston Patrick, on Wednesday after falling "substantially" behind on her commitments.

She was not at home when the bailiffs called. She had an £85,000 loan from the London bankers Coutts and Co., and when she fell behind they applied for, and were granted, a repossesion order by the county court.

Two years ago Lady Jaffray announced that she was to sue her son, Sir William Jaffray, the fifth baronet, for what she believed to be her rightful share of the family estate at Priors Dean, Hants.

Lady Jaffray moved out of the Manor House at Priors Dean five years ago after "pressure" from her son. At the time she spoke of issuing the writ she said she was "struggling" financially and had had to sell jewellery.

Her claim takes into account the money she spent maintaining the estate from the time of her husband's death in 1953.

Yesterday her solicitor, Mr Malcolm Williamson, said: "She was substantially behind with her repayments and in considerable financial difficulties.

"If you asked her if this situation had anything to do with her son she would undoubtedly say 'everything to do with it'."

Mr Williamson said Lady Jaffray was now relying on the hospitality of friends and was "extremely distressed"

Briton 'bit off policeman's ear' in brawl

By TIM BROWN in Madrid

A 19-YEAR-OLD Londoner was in prison in Ibiza yesterday, accused of biting off the ear of a Spanish policeman.

David Morley, from Lewisham, was remanded in custody and appointed a lawyer to handle his defence, after the incident in the popular resort town of San Antonio.

Yesterday the victim, municipal policeman Alfredo Castillo, was in hospital "in great pain." Doctors told him that the ear could not be sewn back on.

The officer was off duty and fishing at his favourite spot along the bay when the trouble started at 5 a.m. He ran to help when he heard the shouts of a hostel night guard, Eduardo Ballesteros, 40, who was being threatened by a group of drunken young Britons.

The guard had intervened when he saw the eight-strong group damaging boats.

NEW LOOK NEWS

BBC Television's "Nine O'Clock News" is to be given a new look in September with two-handed presentation by the proggramme's present news readers, John Humphrys and Julia Somerville.

RSPCA fail to save dogs in will

By LIN JENKINS

THE seven red setters condemned to death in their mistress's will have been destroyed despite a frantic campaign to save them by animal lovers.

But a pony, donkey, four pigeons, two canaries, two goldfish and two swarms of bees have been granted a temporary reprieve after the RSPCA mobilised a team of six legal experts to try to save the animals.

While the society says it is "tragic" that its involvement came too late to save the seven dogs, it feels confident that the other pets, belonging to Miss Mary Mirehouse, will survive.

The incident has highlighted the problem of the unnecessary destruction of pets on the death of an elderly owner. Hundreds of people order that their animals should be put down after they die because they fear they will not be looked after properly.

A spokesman for the RSPCA, Mr Mike Smithson, said: "This will has brought attention to a problem of which we have been aware for some time. It is always tragic when pets die in such circumstances and we hope to launch a scheme in 1986 designed to ease those worries by offering practical help and advice.

'It is terrible'

"This way, we hope to reduce incidents of this type. It is terrible that we were unable to save the dogs but we have been inundated with calls from people offering them homes."

The remaining pets won their temporary reprieve when an unnamed benefactor of the RSPCA offered to guarantee immunity to the executors from any penalty they may face in not applying the terms of the will.

But Mrs Edna Councell, a friend of Miss Mirehouse who is looking after her affairs, said she would do everything possible to make sure the demands in the will were carried out: "I hope the animals are put down and I will kick up a fuss if they are not: it was Miss Mirehouse's wish and, for that reason, it is important it is carried out.

"She was an absolute eccentric. She had no formal education, as far as I know, but she was from the landed gentry."

Miss Mirehouse, who ordered that all her animals be destroyed before her funeral, was a 77-year-old spinster and friend of the late Duke of Beaufort.

She died on Tuesday when her pony and trap crashed near her home at Hawkesbury Upton, near Bristol.

THE MAN WHO WROTE 'RING OF BRIGHT WATER'

Gavin Maxwell's best-selling otter book was first published twenty-five years ago. But otters brought both fame and tragedy to the life of this eccentric and aristocratic author. Read tomorrow the enthralling memoir of Maxwell by Douglas Botting who knew him both before and after his incredible success.

Operation Moses: How Israel brought home the Black Jews of Ethiopia.

In The Colour Magazine

That animal called man: urban man is about to go on display at London Zoo. Byron Rogers reports on a zany idea.

A space-mission camp for youngsters: how America's young are introduced to the mystery of space travel.

Where life is a bed of roses: Jane Ellison visited Humphrey Brooke, one of the most famous specialist rose growers, at his home Lime Kiln Garden, Suffolk.

In tomorrow's

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ACCOUNT: July 1-July 12.
PAY DAY: July 22.
BARGAINS TRANS.: 18,014.
RISES: 596. FALLS: 182.
UNCHANGED: 960.
EQUITY TURNOVER (July 4).
Number of bargains 14,912.
Value £322·61 million.
Shares traded 159·6 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, July 5, 1985

	Index	Change	1984-85 High	Low
Indust. Ord.	955·7	+ 3·8	1024·5	928·7
Govt. Sec.	82·26	- 0·21	82·28	78·02
Gold Mines	410·8	- 5·1	536·9	405·7
Fixed Int.	86·95	- 0·10	86·95	82·17
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·84	- 0·02	5·29	4·22
Earn Yld p.c.	12·14	- 0·04	12·41	9·03
FT-SE 100:	1250·0	+ 10·9	1342·4	1206·1

BRITISH FUNDS

Short-dated (up to 5 years)

Medium-dated (five to fifteen)

Long-dated (over fifteen)

Undated

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or -	Flat	Red.
28¾	25⅞	Consols 2½%	26¼	..	10.1	—
36¼	33⅛	War Loan 3½%	35	..	10.1	—
44⅛	41	Conversn 3½%	44¼	..	8.1	—
30¼	28¼	Treasury 3%	29¼	..	10.2	—
40¼	32⅝	Consols 4%	39¼	..	10.2	—
25⅛	23⅛	Treasury 2½%	25⅛	..	10.2	—

Index linked

COMMONWEALTH AND AFRICAN STOCKS

CORPORATION STOCKS

FOREIGN STOCKS

DOLLAR STOCKS

BANKS, DISCOUNT, H P

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or -	Cvr	Yld
228	154	Allied Lyons	219	+ 4	2.4	6.0
572	472	Bass	540	+ 5	3.2	b3.4
60	39	Belhaven	48*	..	A	4.3
275	130	Bell, Arthur	240	+10	3.6	b3.0
87	70	Boddingtons	70	..	2.5	5.8
446	258	BrownM'th'w	368	..	3.5	b3.2
67	50	Buckleys	67	+ 4	1.8	b6.1
167	118	Bulmer, H.P.	140	..	3.9	5.0
575	450	ClarkM'thew	565	..	2.6	b3.0
263	233½	Davenports	250	..	1.9	5.4
615	415	DevenishJ.A.	580	- 5	2.9	b2.8
321	275	Distillers	298	+ 2	2.3	6.6
455	420	Forsh'waBurt	440	..	A	3.2
186	156	GreenallWhit	161	+ 1	3.0	b4.0
174	146	Greene King	168	+ 8	A	b3.9
282	224	Guinness	246	+ 5	3.0	b3.5
373	325	Hardy&Hans	350*	..	2.7	b5.6
76	58	HighlandDist	74	..	2.4	e3.4
141	123	Invergordon	137	..	3.0	4.4
71	57	MarstonTh'm	71	..	A	3.9
385	310	zMerrydn Wn	310	..	3.6	b2.5
160	130	zRuddle	133	..	A	4.4
145½	127	Scottish&N'c	131	- 1	A	6.1
327	246	S.A. Brews	325	..	1.6	4.7
315	258	Vaux Brews	298	+ 6	2.3	b4.9
230	184	Whitbread'A'	217	+ 2	A	4.6
336	320	Wolverhmptn	322	+ 2	3.0	b3.4
245	190	Young 'A'	190	..	2.0	4.7

BUILDING & ROADS

CHEMICALS & PLASTICS

CINEMAS & TV

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or -	Cvr	Yld
164	120	Anglia 'A'	142*	..	1.8	8.0
62	53	Capital TV Fac	55	..	1.2	e6.7
207	178	zCentral TV	178	..	2.3	8.0
145	120	H.T.V.	137	..	3.0	7.7
270	217	L.W.T.	260	..	1.2	b9.2
63	27	zRadio City	31	..	—	e—
32	23	T.S.W.	27½	..	2.6	7.8
142	118	T.V.S.	125	..	2.2	6.9
92	64	Ulster T.V.	66	..	A	b7.9

DRAPERY & STORES

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

MINING

MOTORS & AIRCRAFT

OIL SHARES

PAPERS & PUBLISHERS

PLANTATIONS

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

SHOES & LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

1985 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or -	Cvr	Yld
385	300	B.A.T Inds	325	- 2	4.3	4.8
100	75	Carroll Inds	100*	..	2.3	b6.5
120	116	Imps	116	+ 4	1.9	6.7
202	158	Rothmans	155	- 2	6.6	b5.4

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue price			
35	Bio Isolates (nil pd)	1 pm	- 1
155	Blue Arrow (nil pd)	18 pm	+ 1
250	London Utd. Inv. (nil pd)	20 pm	+ 2
286	Mills & Allen (nil pd)	20 pm	..
180	Sunlight Serv (nil pd)	5 pm	..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
93	Abbey Crest	95	..
180	Abbey Life	230	+ 2
138	Appletree	140	..
125	Aspen Coms	165	..
155	Assoc. Steel Distributors	170	..
59	ATA	60	- 1
185	Bedford Williams	182	..
75	Blanchards	80	..
150	Brent Walker	105	..
375	Brit. Aero (£2 pd)	180	+ 5
76	C.Brown Car Parks Cents.	90	+ 3
115	Christian Salvesen	120	..
165	Claytorm Properties	153	..
135	Colorol	112	+ 6
70	Cranbrook	90	..
85	Crown International	105	+ 5
94	Datron	87	..
220	Domino Print Sci	260	..
117	Electron House	100	..
180	First Security	115	..
—	Goodhead Print Group	82	+ 1
78	Green Prop.	67	..
300	Holmes & Marchant	350	..
129	Howard Group	180	+ 5
150	Huntleigh Tech	193	..
140	IBL	152	+ 2
30	Kalon Grp.	25	..
—	Leisure Inv	25	..
28	Maxiprint	32	..
120	Micro Scope	105	..
120	Moorcare Group	152	- 3
50	Nordic Investment	60	..
170	Paper Systems	165	..
41	Perkins, John Meats	38	+ 1
110	Perdumon	95	- 3
99	Polypipe	112	+ 2
—	P & O 6·5% Conv Pref	109	+ 4
100	Prestwick Holdgs	70	..
138	Promtoprint	129	..
—	Racal 7% conv	81	..
175	Sherwood Computer	160	..
—	Sturge	335	..
£75¼	Treas. 3% 1990	£75⅛	+⅛
£50	Treas 10% 2004	£50⅞	+⅛
120	Viewplan	107	..
—	Woolworth 8¾% Cv. Ln. 2000	103	..
95	Wold	95	..
68	Wyko	65	..

THE POUND ABROAD

	5-7-85	Prev. close
Austria	28.03-28.09	28.02-.07
Belgium	80.47-80.58	80.30-.70
Canada	1.8015-.8040	1.7975-.7990
Denmark	14.5120-.5450	14.5118-.5500
France	12.1575-12.1975	12.1441-.1771
Germany W	3.9915-.9965	3.9897-.9962
Holland	4.4925-.5725	4.4850-.5048
Ireland	1.2720-.2780	1.2700-.2760
Italy	2545.50-2561	2548.00-.2562.00
Japan	328.13-328.70	328.19-.328.56
Norway	11.5217-.5480	11.4690-.5075
Portugal	227.88-230.55	227.75-.230.05
Spain	225.78-226.81	225.18-.84
Sweden	11.5397-.5560	11.4745-.5140
Switzerland	3.3424-.3495	3.3426-.3484
Utd. States	1.3270-.3290	1.3260-.3165

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index
NOON 81·7 · 81·7 · CLOSE 82·0 (81·6)
(Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Austral 1.0812-1.0862
Australia	A$1.9680-1.9705
Brazil	Cruzeiro 8038.00-8088.00
Cyprus	C£0.8093-0.8166
Finland	Markka 8.3584-8.3664
Greece	Drachmae 178.53-179.80
Hong Kong	HK$10.2980-10.2870
India	Rupee 16.2094
Iraq*	Dinar 0.4064-0.4074
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3970-0.4080
Malaysia	Ringgit 3.2950-3.3025
Saudi Arabia	Ryal 4.7995-4.8175
Singapore	S$ 2.9020-2.9600
South Africa	Rand 2.6065-2.6177
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.8210-4.8560

* Subject to limit

DOLLAR RATES

	5-7-85	Prev. close
France	9·1600	9·2250
Germany	3·0030	3·0310
Switzerland	2·5175	2·5405
Japan	246·90	247·75
Trade weighted avg.	145·10	145·70

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 7¼-7⅛ · 1 month 7⅝-7½
3 months 7⅞-7¾ · 6 months 7¾-7⅝
MARKS:
7 days 5⅞-5¾ · 1 month 5⅞-5¾
3 months 5¾-5⅝ · 6 months 5⅞-5¾
SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 2¼-2⅛ · 1 month 5⅛-5
3 months 5⅛-5 · 6 months 5⅛-5

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	16-15¼ Gr. pm	41½-37½ Gr. pm
Belgium	30-25 c.pm	80-70 c.pm
Canada	0.30-0.34 c.pm	1.33-1.25 c.pm
Denmark	3¼-2½ Ore pm	9¼-8 Ore pm
France	2¾-2¼ c.pm	8-5½ c.pm
Germany W	2¼-2⅛ Pf pm	7¼-6⅞ Pf pm
Holland	2⅞-2¾ c.pm	8¼-8⅛ c.pm
Italy	Par-4 Lire dis	6-11 Lire dis
Japan	1½-1¼ Yen pm	5¼-4⅞ Yen pm
Norway	¼ O.pm-½ O.dis	½-1½ Ore dis
Portugal	230-560 c.dis	575-1380 c.dis
Spain	15-78 c.dis	110-160 c.dis
Sweden	3½-4¼ Ore dis	10½-11¼ O. dis
Switzerland	2¼-2 c.pm	6¼-5⅞ c.pm
Utd. States	0.56-0.53 c.pm	1.51-1.48 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $310·90 · 2nd Fix $311·60
Close $311·75 · ($310·75)
Sterling Equiv. £234·69 · (£235·18)

KRUGERRANDS*

£257·00-£264·05 · (£258·00-£265·80)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£201·00-£203·30 · (£201·10-£203·45)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£62·00-£71·50 · (£62·00-£71·50)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 12½ pc (June 12)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 13 pc (June)
DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 10-12¼
INTERBANK: Overnight
7 days 12⅛-12⅛ · 1 month 12⅜-12
3 months 12⅜-12½ · 6 months 12⅜-12
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS:
Two days 12¼ · Seven days 12
One month 12¼ · Three months 12
BANK BILLS: 1 month 12¼-12
3 months 11⅞-12 · 6 months 11⅞-11
TREAS. BILLS: 1 month 12¼-12
2 months 12⅛-12⅛ · 3 months 11⅞-1
STERLING C.Ds.: 1 month 12⅜-12
3 months 12¼-12⅛ · 1 year 11⅞-11
DOLLAR C.Ds.: 1 month 7.56-7
3 months 7.58-7.68 · 1 year 8·10-8

* Ex-dividends. † Ex-scrip. ‡ Ex-all. § Ex-rights. a: Ex-Capital Returns. A: Report and Accounts awaited. South African Gold Producers, cover relates to the last account year. Interim since raised. c: Interim since lowered or passed. e: Forecasts dividend. Cover relates to previous year's dividend. f: Forecast dividend and earnings. Yield includes special payment. Yield excludes special payment. Quotation temporarily suspended. Unlisted security. Tax free to non-residents.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	Sept	110·27	110·29-110·14	1809	110·31-107·2
	Dec	—	—	—	—
US T-bond	Sept	78·29	78·29-77·10	4014	79·12-67·16
	Dec	77·27	77·27-76·12	33	77·27-74·18
3 month £	Sept	88·26	88·27-88·18	1086	88·40-87·98
	Dec	88·83	88·85-88·75	62	88·85-88·62
3 month Euro-dollar	Sept	92·35	92·36-91·98	3825	92·45-88·15
	Dec	91·95	91·94-91·57	453	91·94-91·12
Sterling	Sept	1·3160	1·3180-1·3060	104	1·3180-1·068
	Dec	1·3020	1·3020-1·2940	20	1·3020-1·250
D-mark	Sept	0·3353	0·3353-0·3311	420	0·3353-0·30
	Dec	0·3353	0·3353-0·3335	2	0·3362-0·333
Swiss Franc	Sept	—	—	—	0·3985-0·377
	Dec	—	—	—	—
Yen	Sept	—	—	—	0·4063-0·398
	Dec	—	—	—	0·4035-0·403
FT-SE 100	Sept	126·65	127·00-126·15	514	134·10-120·4
	Dec	—	—	—	—

Contract specifications include: Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling, eurodollars—£500,000; US$1 million with cash settlement option. Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face value of £25,000, Dm 125,000, Sw F 125,000, and Yen 12,500,000. FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS July	Oct.	Jan.	PUTS July	Oct.	Jan.
BP	500	34	48	65	4	17	25
BP	550	5	23	38	25	35	45
Comm. Union	200	17	27	36	3	8	12
Comm. Union	220	6	17	25	12	14	20
Cons. Gold	500	18	38	60	12	25	30
Cons. Gold	550	4	18	30	52	55	62
Courtaulds	140	7	14	19	3	7	9
Courtaulds	160	1	6	10	16	19	20
GEC	160	8	16	22	7	8	11
GEC	180	2	8	12	20	22	23
Grand Met.	280	25	30	35	2	8	10
Grand Met.	300	7	17	25	10	18	20
ICI	700	62	80	94	5	8	13
ICI	750	15	42	57	15	30	40
Land Securities	260	14	24	30	3	8	11
Land Securities	280	4	14	19	15	15	16
Marks & Spencer	130	6	17	22	4	5	7
Marks & Spencer	140	1½	9	14	8	14	14
Shell	650	58	73	83	4	12	15
Shell	700	17	40	55	17	25	33
Traf. House	325	18	31	—	4	8	—
Traf. House	355	7	15	—	19	21	—

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	PUTS Aug.	Nov.
Exchequer 10pc 1989	£94	2⅝	2½	2⅞	⅛	⅜
Exchequer 10pc 1989	£96	¾	1½	2⅜	¾	1⅛
Treasury 11¼% 2003-07	£106	3½	4⅝	5⅛	⅝	1⅝
Treasury 11¼% 2003-07	£108	2	3⅝	3⅞	⅞	2⅛
Barclays	390	80	87	—	2	4
Barclays	420	40	47	—	12	18
BAT Inds.	300	38	45	50	8	9
BAT Inds.	330	14	25	30	17	22
British Aerospace	330	30	43	53	6	12
British Aerospace	360	12	25	33	17	25
British Telecom	160	16	26	31	3	5
British Telecom	170	10	19	21	6	9
Imperial Grp.	180	14	19	24	6	9
Imperial Grp.	200	5	10	14	16	20
LASMO	240	40	52	63	3	8
LASMO	260	25	36	45	11	17
Lonrho	160	12	18	21	3½	6½
Lonrho	180	3	7½	12	16	18
P & O	330	36	47	55	5	9
P & O	360	17	30	40	17	22
Racal	140	7	15	22	11	14
Racal	160	3	7	13	25	26
R.T.Z.	550	37	55	65	10	16
R.T.Z.	600	17	30	38	37	45
Vaal Reef	$90	8½	13	15½	2½	5¾
Vaal Reef	$100	4	7½	9½	8	11½

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Sept.	Dec.	March	PUTS Sept.	Dec.
BTR	325	32	40	—	8	10
BTR	350	17	27	—	22	28
Bass	500	65	75	85	8	12
Bass	550	22	32	45	22	30
Beecham	300	35	38	45	6	8
Beecham	330	17	22	28	15	20
De Beers	500c	55	70	85	25	40
De Beers	550c	25	37	55	55	72
Glaxo	1200	85	110	165	25	38
Glaxo	1300	40	55	70	80	75
GKN	220	25	32	40	6	9
GKN	240	11	20	32	12	13
Hanson Tst.	180	—	26	—	—	10
Hanson Tst.	195	10	18	—	13	15
Jaguar	260	26	33	39	9	15
Jaguar	280	15	25	29	22	25
Tesco	226	20	27	—	7	12
Tesco	256	9	18	—	20	25
*FT-SE 100	1225	42	32	—	6	15
*FT-SE 100	1250	25	35	63	16	20

Option	Ex'cise Price					
Sterling (LIFFE)	120c	12·65	12·83	13·80	0·62	2·65
Sterling (LIFFE)	125c	8·25	9·35	10·50	1·65	4·35
Sterling (S.E.)	125c	8·40	10·00	14·50	1·80	4·20
Sterling (S.E.)	130c	5·40	7·10	11·00	3·70	6·20
Deutschmark (S.E.)	33c	1·02	1·50	2·10	0·80	1·35
Deutschmark (S.E.)	34c	0·60	1·25	1·85	1·45	1·80
Eurodollar (LIFFE)	91·00	1·37	1·10	0·92	0·02	0·17
Eurodollar (LIFFE)	91·50	0·91	0·74	0·63	0·06	0·31

Contracts traded: Stock Exchange 6,667.
Currency options are quoted in cents.
Eurodollar futures are quoted in full index points; one point equals $2,500.
Equity options are quoted in pence (unless otherwise stated).
*FT-SE 100 traded July-August-September.

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Debenhams 'on course for £60m target'

By JOHN RUDOFSKY

WELL OVER 1,000 people packed into the Great Room of London's Grosvenor House Hotel yesterday for Debenham's annual meeting to hear chairman Robert Thornton confirm the group was well on course to meet its £60 million profits forecast for the year to next February.

He dismissed the £458 million takeover bid from Burton Group as "derisory and lacking in commercial logic." He urged shareholders to reject the offer and keep Debenhams independent.

Looking forward to further significant progress this year he said trading in June despite the bad weather had been "more than satisfactory."

He reminded shareholders they had been promised a 10p per share dividend this year, even after the one-for-five scrip—a 41 p.c. dividend increase.

Mr Thornton unveiled plans to spend £200 million in the next five years on new store openings and refurbishments after spending £140 million in the past five years. Shareholders were told this would not be financed by property sales.

Answering shareholders' questions he admitted the once mooted management buyout idea to thwart Burton Group was dead, but said he had received "a huge number of inquiries" from other interested parties which had all been passed on to merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson.

In fact the bank has asked them—they include House of Fraser, Harris Queensway, Heron Corporation and Hepworths—to say what they are interested in and what kind of consortium buyout and new share structure for Debenhams they would prefer.

According to director Tim Holland-Bosworth these ideas have been run through a computer to come up with a number of possible options for Debenhams but nothing will happen unless Burton Group looks as though it might win.

Burton's Ralph Halpern, who did not attend the meeting, said Mr Thornton had failed to give satisfactory answers to a number of questions raised by Burton.

He also highlighted the presentation given to shareholders by Helen Robinson, Debenhams' "group style director." He said: "They are finally recognising she has a contribution to make. That is what we want to introduce—style and flair."

It emerged that Mr Thornton and Mr Halpern "accidentally" met at Wimbledon this week. Did they discuss the bid? They both refused to say anything other than: "We met socially."

The City is now expecting Mr Halpern and his bidding partner Sir Terence Conran to come up with better terms of at least 400p a share against the market price, which improved late yesterday to close up 6p at 389p. "We are considering our position," says Mr Halpern.

House of Fraser announced yesterday it now has a 9·4 p.c. stake in Debenhams while Harris Queensway and Heron Corporation are both believed to have just under 5 p.c.

SATURDAY COMMENT

By Andreas Whittam Smith

Thorn's prickly problems call for pruning job

THORN E M I is a dreadful warning. The plunge in its profits and share price illustrates alike what can happen when a gifted entrepreneur and self-made businessman like the late Sir Jules Thorn hands over to professional management (as long ago as 1976) and how badly acquisitions can turn out when the rationale is more theoretical than practical.

On Monday, Thorn E M I announced that its chairman and chief executive, Peter Laister, had lost the confidence of his fellow directors after 15 months in the job. He resigned and was replaced by Graham Wilkins. Then yesterday the group revealed shocking results for the year ending March 31.

Profits before tax fell from £156·8 million to £121·3 million before counting in non-recurring profits and losses. fter such exceptional items the total comes out even lower at £108·3 million. As long ago as 1979-80, pre-tax profits had reached £125 million. However, the dividend total is to be maintained at 17·5p a share.

As for the share price, it tumbled a further 24p to 320p. It thus reached its lowest level since the early part of 1981. Or, to put it another way, the share price has halved during the past 15 months.

What went wrong? Sir Graham said that three activities experienced "costly" problems during the year — the Ferguson television business, the technologically advanced microchip manufacturer Inmos and the music interests.

Now "music" is really the E M I worldwide record companies, popular as well as classical. So Thorn's acquisition of E M I for 169 million in 1979 is beginning to look a bad buy. The music division's profits have slumped from £36·8 million in 1981-82 to a miserable £10·3 million in 1984-85.

This deterioration contrasts strongly with what Thorn thought it would be able to do with E M I. As Sir Richard Cave, who was then chairman, explained it, Thorn's hardware strengths in entertainment — T V rental as well as manufacturing — would marry with E M I's software strengths.

Referring also to video, Sir Richard asked the rhetorical question, "What do you put into these machines?" and replied: "E M I has it. We can market it." A new kind of integrated leisure company would be created. How beguiling, how wrong.

"You could say they were anticipated with a certain amount of resignation . . ."

Peter Laister came to a different conclusion. He told shareholders a year ago that two issues concerned him. The group had 70 p.c. of its business related to consumer spending patterns and it had a "heavy dependence on the domestic United Kingdom market place." Hence the attempt to acquire British Aerospace, whose customers are airlines and governments all over the world.

Remembering E M I, however, shareholders were unimpressed. British Aerospace was unhappy. General Electric Company indicated that it might enter the bidding, though in the event no offer was made. And Thorn E M I retired crestfallen.

But five days later Thorn E M I was back in the headlines with a £125 million takeover of Inmos, then controlled by the British Government. Mr Laister argued that Inmos was in the "forefront, in world terms, in its chosen technologies and as such has exceptional growth potential."

Since then the non sequitur in that statement has become evident. For the microchip market has collapsed, much of the senior management has had to be changed and Inmos itself is making losses.

Mr Laister also pointed out to shareholders that the group had a "solid and reorganised base" and a "management capable of relating to growing opportunities."

The new chairman has a different view. Sir Graham said yesterday: "Action has been and is being taken to strengthen management and improve the performance of the company."

Rather than there being a solid base, it turns out that "a considerable amount of rationalisation and restructuring is required." There is a need to strengthen systems and organisation, cost controls and cash management.

Meanwhile, the news may get worse before it gets better. The board expects that the problems with Ferguson Inmos and the music interests will lead to "disappointing results" for the first half of the year.

On present projections, for instance, Inmos is unlikely to stop making losses until the end of the year. And restructuring Ferguson is a two-year task.

classically vlunerable to a takeover. Shareholders are disillusioned. The board needs time to regain credibility. A predator may well calculate that Thorn E M I could profitably be broken up and sold off in pieces.

If such a takeover offer were to be made — either Hanson Trust or B T R could easily undertake one — shareholders would face the choice of backing their new management or cashing their chips. In this context, I wonder whether the directors of Thorn E M I have been wise to rule out selling some businesses.

Thorn E M I is a far from coherent group, stretching as it does from records to gas fires and from engineering to high street retailing. But Sir Graham said that he expected the group to keep all its major businesses. He added: "If someone comes along with an offer we will have a look, but we have no plans for active disposals."

This may prove to be a mistake. Thorn E M I needs pruning as well as tidying up.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Gilts firm on pound's strength

THE stock market managed to survive the test of the disappointing figures from Thorn E M I, especially since dealers were fairly well prepared for the overall content of the company's results. At is was selective buyers dominated the day's session and, although prices closed below the best, the final tone was described as "satisfactory in the circumstances."

An early burst of enthusiasm (before the Thorn E M I figures) was largely due to mistaken belief that the Hanson Trust rights issue had gone better than was subsequently proved. After the Hanson statement business quietened down and the early values proved too optimistic.

This was reflected by the market indices: the "30" index finished the day 3·8 higher at 955·7, having been 13 up at the 10 a.m. calculation, while the "100" index was 10·9 better at 1260, after 1266·8.

Government securities enjoyed a cheerful session behind another sound performance in sterling and some dealers were still suggesting that provided next Tuesday's money supply statistics meet favourable expectations, a cut in base rates could be on the cards. As a result, quotations made steady improvement and closed with widespread gains of up to £⅞.

Among the major features in equities, I D C soared 85 to 265p on news of the takeover offer from Matthew Hall, 6 better at 156p. Arthur Bell, the subject of a bid from Guinness, gained 10 to 240p awaiting expected developments while bid speculators again paid attention to **Buckleys Breweries**, at 67p, **Pressac**, at 91p, **Carpets International**, at 57p, and **Yorkshire Chemical**, at 78p.

Hopes connected with possible developments on the Channel Tunnel project influenced support for **Taylor Woodrow**, 14 up at 419p, and **G. Wimpey**, 6 better at 119p. Other firm building issues included **Amec**, at 248p, and **Blue Circle Industries**, at 515p.

Since some pessimists had been talking Thorn-EMI profits as low as £100 million (they were £108 million after exceptional charges) there was almost a sense of relief in the market, but the shares still closed 24 lower at 320p, after an early quote of 350p.

GEC ended 4 up at 162p, after 164p, and **Plessey** 2 firmer at 126p, after 130p, while **Racal Electronics** attracted cheap buyers and ended 6 to the good at 134p.

Hanson Trust, initially stronger at 192p, ended the day with a gain of 23p at 189p; the partly paid shares were 4 at 104p.

Imperial Chemical Industries marked higher to 760p in its business, but short-term profit-taking left the price at , a loss of 2p. **Reed International** continued to meet support against the background recent asset sales and ed to 657p before closing p at 644p.

Favourable comment in ress directed attention to h & **Commonwealth**, climbed 26 to 261p; **onia Investment** were 22 at 236p in sympathy. ing further developments bid situation. **Debenhams** 6 up at 389p and **Burton** p 5 firmer at 465p. **Habitat-Mercare** advanced 12 more 92p.

Among oils, **Burmah** met a speculative flurry on ced takeover hopes and d 18 to the good at 260p. r oils to meet interest uded **British Petroleum**, at p, **Lasmo**, at 210p, and ger, at 273p.

old shares took a welcome n for the better, with **ndfontein** £2½ up at £76, akels £1⅜ better at £21¼, d **Kloof** £⅝ higher at £39⅜. Bullion ended $1 better at 311·75.

WORLD MARKETS

MSTERDAM (ANP CBS Gen)	221·2	+ 2·20
RUSSELS (Stock index)	1,073·10	+ 4·11
RANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,486·20	+ 11·20
ONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,570·35	− 4·07
ARIS (CAC General)	221·50	− 2·00
NGAPORE (Straits Times)	753·14	− 11·24
DNEY (All Ords.)	882·40	+ 7·70
OKYO (Nikkei Dow)	12,963·35	− 6·24
URICH (Credit Suisse)	385·10	− 0·10

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ndustrial Group	616·61	(+5·03)
"500"	660·26	(+5·30)
All Share	607·21	(+5·08)

Logica hit by £5m losses on hardware

By ROLAND CRIBBEN

LOGICA, one of Britain's biggest software companies, yesterday joined the growing list of computer casualties with the announcement that it lost money in the year ended June 5 because of a £5 million-plus deficit in its two hardware subsidiaries.

The company's shares, which signalled problems ahead of the disclosure, slumped 59p to 105p after touching 100p. But Len Taylor, managing director, said action now under way would mean the group would be profitable in the current financial year.

Logica's problems have been caused by the swift slide in sales of small business computers which have hit its two office automation product subsidiaries, Logica V T S in Britain and Intelligent Technologies International in the United States.

The company is at an advanced stage of discussions to find new partners for both companies and admits it should have taken action earlier to reduce the risks of expansion into the hardware business.

V T S, which made a pre-tax profit of £835,000 in 1983-84, has accounted for the bulk of the £5 million plus loss. Sales in the year to June 30 are believed to have been unchanged at around £20 million in contrast to a forecast £30 million.

The subsidiary, which sells the Kennet word processor and busines computer systems, will in future concentrate its sales effort among major customers. The workforce of 400 will be substantially reduced by a combination of redundancies and a switch of people to the still growing software side of the group.

The United States offshoot, acquired at the end of 1983, has already made sitgnificant staff cuts after lower-than-forecast sales. It is now believed to be operating profitably but Logica is considering writing off part of its £4 million investment in the operation.

The software parts of Logica have been continuing to perform strongly and pre-tax profits have been running 20 p.c. above the 1983-84 levels.

In the year to June 30, 1984, Logica made a pre-tax profit of £5·2 million and in the six months to the end of December made £2·15 million (£1·82 million) at the pre-tax level.

Hall agrees £19m for IDC

MATTHEW HALL, the international engineering design and contracting group, is making an agreed cash and shares offer worth £19·1 million for I D C Group, the Warwickshire-based designer and constructor of industrial and commercial buildings. The deal took the City by surprise and I D C shares responded with a jump of 85 to 265p.

Both companies occupy strong complementary market positions in the engineering and construction industry which together are expected to create a more broadly based and balanced group.

Terms of the offer are 13 new Matthew Hall Ordinary shares plus 800p in cash for every 10 I D C Ordinary. With Hall closing 6 firmer at 156p yesterday, the offer values each I D C at 283p.

Shareholders in I D C will be entitled to receive and retain a special interim dividend of 1·95p a share which its board will declare if the offer becomes unconditional in all respects.

Howard Hicks, I D C's chairman, and other members of his family and trustees of family trusts have given irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer in respect of a total of 70 p.c. of the issued capital.

I D C made record pre-tax profits of £1·51 million in the year ended October 31, and its shareholders' funds at that date amounted to £14·9 million. Hall enjoyed its 14th successive year of record results in 1984 with the pre-tax figure climbing from £12·9 million to £14·2 million.

Discount cut hopes inspire Wall St

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

INVESTORS broke their July 4 extended holiday by returning to Wall Street for a buying spree in anticipation that a federal reserve discount rate might spark a summer bull market.

Share prices on the New York stock exchange pushed gainers ahead of losers by more than two to one.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 8·06 points at 1,334·45.

The Dow record high of 1337·14 was set on July 1.

Helping to keep traders in good humour was a United States government report that unemployment levels had remained unchanged in June for the fifth successive month.

The labour department said the civilian unemployment rate was unchanged at 7·3 p.c. of the workforce last month. This represented a decline in the number of jobs by 600,000 to a total of 106·9 million. However, the number of unemployed remained unchanged at 3·41 million.

Another underpinning for the equities market was a sharp rollback of the closely-watched federal funds rate banks charge each other on overnight interbank loans. The fed funds rate was at 7·25 p.c. through most of yesterday, sharply down from the 9 p.c. closing last Wednesday.

On the gloomier side, manufacturers Hanover Corp., the group, said it plans to cut 1,745 jobs from its worldwide staff by the end of the year in the country's largest banking hope of saving an annual sum of $56 million.

Roughly 1,000 of the jobs will be reduced by natural wastage at the bank's New York headquarters and the company has set a replacement scheme to transfer staff whose jobs have been abolished. There are no such provisions for jobs to be made redundant abroad. The cuts represent a reduction of about 6 p.c. of Hanover's 32,000 employees.

● Sterling closed in New York at $1·3265 against Thursday's $1·3160.

The City pages on Monday

THE new issue market is in a state of chaos, but some companies are pressing on regardless. In Monday's City pages David Brewerton, in the Questor column, looks at the current state of play.

Christopher Fildes in his Lombard Street column examines the prospect of a major merger.

Also in Monday's City pages Richard Wassenaar, United States internal revenue service enforcement chief, talks to James Srodes about Washington's crackdown on money laundering.

The growth rate of the microcomputer industry has been halved but Michael Becket suggests that the survivors who adjusted for lower growth will reap the benefits in about a year's time.

The 1985 Daily Telegraph share race has now reached the halfway mark and on Monday readers can discover who is leading in what is proving to be a hard-fought contest.

Rosehaugh £16m profit on stake

PROPERTY company Rosehaugh has made a £16 million profit on the sale of its stake in Woolworth Holdings which it bought in 1982 for £4 million and has now sold for £20 million.

The 5·34 million Ordinary shares were held by its subsidiary Baxtergate Investment and included 3·15 million arising from the conversion of £2·36 million of 11 p.c. convertible unsecured loan stock 1989.

The money will be used in part to reduce borrowings and to strengthen its position for future investments. The sale was made through a market placing by stockbroker Rowe & Pitman.

Harrison buys Racal shares

RACAL'S chairman, Sir Ernest Harrison must think the worst is over for the electricals sector—or at least for his own company.

In the last two days he has spent around £1 million buying 750,000 Racal shares. His fellow directors have picked up some too. His buying helped the shares yesterday and they closed 6p higher at 134p.

Minet Holdings selling agency

MINET Holdings is selling the Lloyd's managing agency business of J. H. Minet Agencies currently managing four Lloyd's syndicates, no's 887, 919, 920 and 322. Arrangements have been agreed for the sale of the syndicate's managing agency functions to their respective underwriters.

The sale, in accordance with the Lloyd's Act 1982, is to take Lloyd's Act 1982, is to take effect effect from January 1.

U.S. COMMODITIES

WHEAT: July 317 (313½); Sept 319 (316½); Dec 325¾ (322¼); Mar 326 (322); May 314½ (322); July 299 (297½).

CORN: July 271 (269¼); Sept 254¾ (251¾); Dec 251 (246½); Mar 260 (255½); May 264¾ (258¾); July 263¾ (259); Sept 249 (245½).

Federal funds ...... 8 p.c. (9 p.c.)
3-month Treas. bills 6·78-6·72p.c. (7·01-6·97 p.c.)
Long bonds ... $109-14 ($107-18)
Yield ... 10·23 p.c. (10·21 p.c.)

Last minute placing saves Hanson issue

By COLIN CAMPBELL

HANSON Trust's share price closed at 189p, up 3p, yesterday after seesawing during the day and in turn unsettling the tone of the equity market overall after a last-minute placing campaign to help save its £519 million rights issue.

Contrary to overnight indications that 80 p.c. of the one-for-six issue at 185p a share had been taken up, it finally emerged that there had been only a 50 p.c. acceptance by Ordinary shareholders.

Fears that the balance would be left with the underwriters led stockbrokers Hoare Govett and merchant bankers N. M. Rothschild to undertake an 11th hour selling campaign yesterday morning whereby a limited number of institutions agreed to take up the balance at a small premium to the issue price.

The Kuwait Investment Office is understood to have taken a 5 p.c. stake in Hanson Ordinary shares, but the outcome of the £148·7 million convertible preference leg of the group's money-raising exercise remains in the balance. Final details will be announced on Monday, but they are expected to confirm that the preference leg was almost entirely left with the underwriters.

Reacting to suggestions that the Hanson issue was a flop, Martin Taylor, director of Hanson Trust, said he was relaxed about the outcome.

"It was an underwritten issue, the largest non-oil rights issue in the market's *history*, and considering the recent wave of gloom to hit electrical shares the *rights* issue went well," he said.

Hanson is not expected to announce details of its intended use for the money for a couple of months. Lord Hanson, group chairman, was in the United States yesterday.

The disparity between Thursday night's indications of an 80 p.c. "success" and the final 50 p.c. outcome has been explained away by those involved as reflecting the volume of applications which had to be handled.

Divisions on oil pricing

OIL ministers remained divided yesterday on how to avoid a cut in prices as the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries began its crucial meeting in Vienna.

They were reluctant to begin formal iscussions until there was a broad measure of agreement on prices and production levels and adjourned talks until today.

Dr Subroto, the Indonesian oil minister who is presiding, said there was no support for a price cut. But there were discussions on alternatives ranging from a further cut in the 16 million barrel a day output ceiling or a switch to a system based on income rather than production.

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THE cost of wholesale money eased fractionally in London yesterday as the pound continued to race ahead, benefiting from a weaker dollar and high British interest rates.

The pound rose from $1·3158 to $1·3282 and also made further progress against the mark, improving by ¼ pfennig to 3·9956.

This gave the sterling index a boost of 0·4 to 82·0, its best level for 15 months.

Hopes that the Chancellor will be forced to concede lower interest rates to counteract soaring demand for sterling helped sentiment on London money markets, where the key three-month interbank rate fell below 12½ p.c. for the first time in many weeks.

At the weekly Treasury bill tender, the rate of discount on bills eased from 11·9659 p.c. to 11·9246 p.c.

The Bank of England had to provide a cash injection of £965 million through bill operations to help relieve liquidity pressures in the banking system, but the cost of very short-term money remained high at around 12¾ p.c.

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·96½ dollars
Austria	27·50 schillings
Belgium	79·25 francs
Canada	1·77½ dollars
Denmark	14·24 kroner
Finland	8·27 markkaa
France	12·02 francs
Germany	3·94 marks
Greece	*180·00 drachmae
Holland	4·44 guilders
Iceland	*52·00 kronur
Ireland	1·26 punt
Israel	1,800 shekel
Italy	*2,525 lira
Japan	328 yen
Malta	*0·6040 pounds
New Zealand	2·78 dollars
Norway	11·40 kroner
Portugal	*220·00 escudos
South Africa	*3·00 rand
Spain	*222·75 pesetas
Sweden	11·40 kronor
Switzerland	3·28 francs
Turkey	660·00 lira
United States	1·32 dollars
Yugoslavia	*350·00 dinars

COMPANIES

Bridgend Processes

Bridgend Processes, the security equipment distributor making its first profit in more than 12 years with £10,000 for the opening half of 1984, went back into the red in the second to end the year with a pre-tax deficit of £168,000.

Results have been compiled on a merger accounting basis to take in the purchase of H. Woodward & Son, losing £219,000 for the 15 months ended December. An additional pre-tax loss of £137,000 and tax relief of £69,000, in Woodwards has been treated as a prior year item and accordingly meaningful comparisons are not possible.

The board points out, however, that as forecast the group's security division produced profits of £50,000 and "significant progress is being made in 1985."

It adds that Woodwards reorganisation will lead to a "substantial" improvement in the group's trading position.

Jacksons

JACKSONS Bourne End has had another record year with pre-tax profits on from £408,000 to £455,000. Trading profits were just £4,000 up at £247,000, but interest receivable, rose £59,000 to £72,000.

A lower tax charge, due in part to the effect of the changing tax rate on deferred tax balances, means that earnings come out 6·5p higher at 16·2p, from which there is a 4p final making 6p against equal to 5p.

Relocation of the Bourne End activities to a factory near High Wycombe, bought in May for £775,000, is in progress and negotiations continue for the sale of 7·6 acres at Bourne End. The 7·6 acres have been revalued by the board at £3·25m., giving an after potential tax surplus over book value of £814,000.

CHAIRMEN

Optometrics (U.S.A.). — Frank Dentona: Performance for current year running well ahead of comparable period.

The 600 Group. — Sir Jack Wellings: Our order books are strong and we look to further progress.

C M L Microsystems. — George Gairy: While recognising that the current year is overshadowed by a continuing weakness and uncertainty of the semiconductor market generally, I believe the group is well placed to achieve further growth.

Thermal Scientific. — Hugh Sykes: Remains board's firm intention to apply for a full listing at an appropriate time during 1986.

Sangers Photographic—Richard Branston: The wholly exceptional wet and dull weather in May and June has affected sales of the entire photographic trade. The falling off in demand means it will be difficult for us in the first half to achieve last year's record level.

BIDS AND DEALS

No reference

DALGETY'S proposed acquisition of Gill and Duffus Group is not being preferred to the Monopolies Commission and neither is the acquisition by Butterworth and Co., a Reed Publishing subsidiary, of European Law Centre.

BBA Group

B B A GROUP, currently making an agreed £16m-plus bid for Synterials, says in its detailed document relating to the offer that trading in the current year to May shows a considerable improvement over the corresponding period.

The integration of Cape Automotive, it adds, is proceeding satisfactorily and the benefits will begin to appear in the second half of 1985.

Norbain – Scan

NORBAIN Electronics has acquired the business of Scan Computer Supplies for a consideration of up to £554,000 including expenses.

The maximum consideration has been satisfied by 281,609 Norbain shares which have been placed on behalf of the vendors. Scan Computer, which was a subsidiary of Audiotronic Holdings, made £129,00 pre-tax in the 15 months ended February and at current levels of activity is expected to be making annual pre-tax profits of some £135,000.

The plan announced in May for Howden Group's Howden Airdynamics to acquire Alldays Peacock, Mitchell Cotts' Birmingham fan company, is off. In present market conditions the anticipated financial benefits from merging the operations would not be realised.

Fine Art Developments has acquired a further 50 p.c. interest in R. J. Hanson-Moore for R200,000 (£80,000) cash and 200,000 Fine Art Ordinary, taking its holding up to 90 p.c.

Eleco Holdings has bought Topsy Food, a letter of leasehold property with 1983-84 pre-tax profits of £52,800, for £175,000 cash and 298,915 Ordinary shares.

Hunter Saphir—Joe Saphir: ing agents to Moss Growers, a Our agreement to become managLancashire growers co-operative, has got off to a good start and already additional growers are applying to join Moss.

NEW ISSUES

STRIKING price for the tender offer of 5·29m shares in Isotron, a company operating gamma radiation plants in the United Kingdom, has been set at 125p a share.

Valid applications were received from the public for 4·01m shares at or above the striking price. Applications for up to 1,000 shares inclusive have been allocated in full and applications for more than 1,000 have been allocated as to about 81 p.c. of the number applied for.

Talbex-Yorkgreen

THE £2m takeover offer for Yorkgreen Investments by Talbex Group—two holding companies both chaired by David Green—received acceptances in respect of 52·91 p.c. of the Ordinary Yorkgreen equity. This, together with the shares already held by Talbex, brings its total holding in Yorkgreen to 55·61 p.c. Consequently, the offer has been declared unconditional and remains open until further notice.

IN BRIEF

Hargreaves Group — David Peake: New financial year, has started well in main activities and there is no reason to suppose current year will not enable us to achieve profits which will compare satisfactorily.

Rex Williams Leisure: First half pre-tax profit £73,000 (£68,000). Turnover £467,000 (£448,000). Eps 0·66p (0·7Cp). Interim divident 0·42p, as forecast, payable July 30. With greater emphasis on light metered snooker, which is more seasonal than pool, it seems unlikely that the anticipated growth in the second half will materialise.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS.
Rudolf Wolff report:

COPPER: Easier. Wire bars: Off settlement £1,081 (£1,078), off midday cash £1,080·50-£1,081. 3 months £1,090-£1,091. after close cash £1,076-£1,077. 3 months £1. -£1,088 T/O 10,000 tonnes. ... : Quiet. Off settlement £1,06... off midday cash £1,061-£1,065. 3 months £1,078-£1,079. after close cash £1,052-£1,054. 3 months £1,071-£1,073. T/O 400 tonnes.

TIN: Easier. Off settlement £9,547 (£9,610), off midday cash £9,540-£9,541. 3 months £9,410-£9,412. after close cash £9,495-£9,500. 3 months £9,400-£9,401. T/O 1,355 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off settlement £300·50 (£300), off midday cash £300-£300·50. 3 months £302-£302·50. after close cash £298·50-£299·50. 3 months £301-£302. T/O 5,925 tonnes.

ZINC: Easier. Off settlement £577 (£576), off midday cash £576-£577. 3 months £566-£567. after close cash £560-£562. 3 months £552-£555. T/O 5,025 tonnes.

SILVER: Steady: Midday cash 448·5p-449p; 3 months 462p-465p; after close cash 447·5p-448p; 3 months 462p-465p. T/O 38 lots of 10,000 oz. each.

ALUMINIUM: Easier. Off settlement £764·50 (£760), off midday cash £764-£764·50. 3 months £786-£786·50, after £779·50-£780. T/O 7,375 tonnes. close cash £757·50-£758. 3 months

NICKEL: Easier. Off settlement £3,905 (£3,915), off midday cash £3,900-£3,905. 3 months £3,935-£3,940; after close cash £3,885-£3,890. 3 months £3,910-£3,915. T/O 1,140 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 448·00 (449·85). 3 months 461·00 (463·25). 6 months 474·00 (476·20). 1 year 498·50 (501·30).

PLATINUM: Free market £195·50 (£195·65).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

SUGAR: No 6 contract. London daily price. Raw $82 (£62·50) white $129·50. Aug. 84·60-84·40. Oct. 88·40-88·20. Dec. 93·00-92·80. March 102·80-102·60. May 107-106·80. Aug. 113-112·80. Oct. 117·60-116·80.

COFFEE (£ per tonne): July 1,832. Sept. 1,385. Nov. 1,9... Jan. 1,955. March 1,935. May 1,965. July 1,999. Sales: 3,697.

COCOA (E. D. & F. Man report, £ per tonne): July 1,819-1,815. Sept. 1,771-1,769. Dec. 1,733-1,731. March 1,756-1,735. May 1,748-1,743. July 1,760-1,752. Sept. 1,780-1,758. Sales: 2,849.

RUBBER: Spot. 66-69 (65·75-68·75).

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No 1 basis $660. No 3 long $640. CIF Antwerp prices.

SOYA MEAL: Firm: Aug. £112·50-£113. Oct. £116·50-£117. Dec. £121-£121·60. Feb. £127·20-£127·50. April £128·20-£128·50. June £138·40-£129·50. Aug. £129·50-£131. T/O 425 lots.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices $ ... : Arab light 26·70. Dubai 25·35. North Sea (Forties) 26·80. North Sea (Brent) 26·85. Nigerian Bonny medium 25·95. Urals 25·65.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Premier Man reports—July 218·50-218·25. Aug. 215·25-215. Sept. 214·25-213·75. Oct. 215·50-215·25. Nov. 218-217. Dec 220·50-218. Jan. 221-217·50. Feb. 221-217·50. Mar. 213-209.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

H G C A: Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. East Midlands: feed barley 104·20, down 120. North-East: feed barley 109·70, unch. Scotland: feed barley 109·20, unch.

BARLEY (£ per tonne): Sept. 96. Nov. 99·60. Jan. 103·20. Mar. 106·20. May 108·90.

WHEAT "B" (£ per tonne): July 108·50. Sept. 96·80. Nov. 100·25. Jan. 104. March 106·85.

(G A F T A)

LIVE PIGS (GAFTA), pence per kilo. July 99. Aug. 100-10. Oct. 98. Nov. 99·50. Jan. 95. Feb. 95. March 94. April 94. May 94. June 95. T/o nil.

PIGMEAT (GAFTA), pence per kilo: Aug. 105·10. Oct. 105·90. Nov. 106·50. Feb. 98·50. April 98·50. June 97·30. T/o 32 lots.

POTATOES (GAFTA): Nov. £60. Feb. £68. April £79·90. May £85·80. T/o 269 lots of 40 tonnes each.

COVENT GARDEN

Fruit—per lb: eating apples 10-28. cookers 10-17. bananas 28-31. cherries 30-50. grapes 30-80. rhubarb 6-8. strawberries 40-80. watermelons 8-10. apricots 20-36. plums 18-30. pears 12-25. gooseberries 13-15. levellers 15-40. raspberries 200-240. tangerines 20-25. currants 50: each: avocados 20-45. coconuts 26. grapefruit 9-21. kiwi 15-18. lemons 5-10. limes 16-18. mangoes 40-60. melons 30-80. nectarines 4-12. peaches 3-10. oranges 4-18. pineapples 50-120.

Salad—per lb: beetroot 10-13. chinese leaf 15-20. parsley 60. tomatoes 15-22: each: celery 10-50. cucumber 15-25. round lettuce 10-12. density. cos and Webbs 12-15. Iceberg 15-35: per bunch: spring onions 10-16. radishes 12-15. mustard and cress 7. watercress 16-20.

Vegetables—per lb: asparagus 200-250. aubergines 45. Kenya beans 100. bobbi 50. runner 80. pumpkins 50. leeks 20-30. broad beans 30-40. cabbage 8-9. red 9-10. white 6-7. turnips 12. garlic 65. spinach 15. peppers 45-65. peas 16-20. onions 7-10. mushrooms 50-70. mangetout 100. spring greens 6. fennel 60. courgettes 20-30. carrots 8-10. calibrese 60. potatoes 3-9: each: marrows 30-50. sweetcorn 15-25. cauliflower 16-22. artichokes 40-50.

GRIMSBY FISH

Quayside prices ex-ship per ten stones: Cod £38-£58. codling £35-£40. large plaice £60-£74. medium £40-£74. small £36 £50. large lemon soles £98-£103. rockfish £20-32. large haddock 55-£60. medium £55-£60. small £45-£52.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday: GB cattle 96·15p per kg lw (-0·67). GB sheep 155·5p per kg est dcw (-2·62). GB pigs 75·22p per kg lw (-6·71). England and Wales: Cattle nos. down 9·2 p.c. ave. 94·... (-1·12). Sheep nos. down 4·7 p.c. ave. 156·77p (+3·22). pig nos. up 12·9p p.c. ave. 75·38p (-6·71). Scotland: Cattle nos. up 73·9 p.c. ave 99·85p (-1·...). sheep nos. up 45·6 p.c. av. 143·86p (-0·31).

FREIGHT FUTURES

Spot July recovered from early losses, closing though at a discount to Thursday's level and under pressure from the continuing weakness of the index. Other positions remained steady in reaction to the past drop, reports Coley and Harper. July 85 816 (-4). Oct. 85 866 (+9). Jan. 86 890 (+20). April 86 ... July 86 ... Oct. 86 ... Jan. 87 950 (-7·5). April 87 1,000 (+15). Lots traded 148. BFI 807 (-10·5).

AUSTRALIAN SHARE PRICES

A$ 1985 High	Low	Company	A$ Middle Price	£ Price	Change on Week
4·96	4·28	ANZ Banking Group	4·60	2·35	+0·06
2·70	2·09	Ampol Exploration	2·46	1·26	+0·05
2·60	1·85	ACI International	2·60	1·33	—
2·81	2·17	APM Limited	2·81	1·44	+0·05
7·40	4·70	Bell Group	6·96	3·56	−0·05
7·50	4·75	Bell Resources	6·90	3·53	+0·13
3·92	3·45	Brambles	3·76	1·92	−0·01
2·70	2·05	Bridge Oil	2·43	1·24	−0·01
6·55	4·31	Broken Hill Proprietary	6·41	3·28	+0·02
6·78	4·75	C R A	5·99	3·06	+0·02
3·22	2·50	C S R	2·97	1·52	+0·06
4·21	3·62	Coles G. J.	4·03	2·06	+0·09
3·30	2·92	Elders IXL	2·96	1·51	−0·03
3·45	2·90	Hardie (James) Inds.	3·44	1·76	−0·02
1·81	1·30	Hooker Corp.	1·72	0·88	−0·02
2·22	1·85	ICI Australia	2·01	1·03	+0·07
7·36	5·50	Lend Lease	6·98	3·57	+0·07
3·42	2·20	MIM Holdings	2·81	1·44	+0·07
3·40	2·82	Mayne Nickless	3·13	1·60	+0·05
2·35	1·65	Myer Emporium	2·57	1·31	+0·10
4·45	3·37	National Aust. Bank	4·26	2·18	+0·04
8·04	3·05	News	6·73	3·44	−0·06
2·20	1·55	Nicholas Kiwi	1·73	0·89	+0·01
2·75	1·90	North Broken Hill	2·29	1·17	+0·03
1·04	0·62	Oakbridge	1·04	0·53	+0·05
2·45	2·10	P & O Australia	2·20	1·13	+0·02
1·90	1·53	Pioneer Concrete	1·81	0·93	+0·02
1·68	1·06	Q.C.T.	1·66	0·85	+0·01
5·53	3·25	Renison Goldfields	4·94	2·53	+0·08
6·60	5·02	Santos	5·71	2·92	+0·13
2·11	1·72	Thomas N'wide Transport	2·07	1·06	+0·05
4·50	2·67	Western Mining Corp.	3·83	1·96	+0·04
4·29	3·33	Westpac	4·28	2·19	+0·10
1·61	0·77	Woodside Petroleum	1·43	0·73	−0·07
3·82	3·10	Wormald International	3·71	1·90	−0·01

Source: J. B. Were.

Kleinwort's L Texas gets in quite a state

SCRUTINEER

By BARBARA CONWAY

WHEN millions of shares in an overseas-based company with very little in the way of an assessable record are offered to the British public, then many people tend to look for a name they can recognise to see how seriously they should take the prospectus. In this league, merchant bank Kleinwort Benson can rightly claim to have a reasonably reassuring effect.

Four years ago, stockbrokers Henderson Crosthwaite placed 15·5 million shares, at 20p a piece, with institutional and private clients in promisingly-named oil exploration company L Texas Petroleum. As well as being handled by Henderson, the prospectus revealed that Kleinwort was the London financial adviser to the company. A London listing was also secured.

Peter Elwes of Kleinwort and Peter Ross of Henderson were on the board of L Texas which, *incidentally, is named not after the state but after its founder* Leslie C. Texas born Laszlo Szucs whose base is now in Houston.

Of course oil exploration is, as the prospectus notes, a very risky business. The 1983 annual report, was full of good cheer and virtually dismissive of the $5·7 million net loss as an irrelevance. It was followed *with absolutely no information* apart from suspension of the shares in November pending merger details. Last month came the announcement putting 1984 losses at no less than $18·4 million.

Investors are now invited to a meeting at Kleinwort's offices on July 16 to approve the enticing prospect of exchanging their shares for units in the *Exploration Company of Louisiana* which are not listed and have a par value of 1c each. Nobody has bothered to give any details about this new company (could it be run by George G. Lousiana 2) and Kleinwort and Henderson have failed to provide any advice. Mr Texas who has already sold his private aeroplane to the company which made an $300,000 loss on its resale, may have his own reasons for reticence. But investors are entitled to expect rather better from Henderson and Kleinwort.

Slater pays price for goodwill

HOLDERS of more than 1·1 million shares in computer equipment Wordnet International have accepted a compensation package of free shares in the group, currently undergoing financial reconstruction, as part of the goodwill scheme put up by Jim Slater and several former directors of Yelverton Investments.

They will be paying some £260,000 for their role in both the compensation and reconstruction moves. Wordnet investors getting the shares through the offer last year and without a previous interest in the company or Yelverton, the handlers of the deal, had the chance of 1·5 shares for every one held. Dainville was formed to look after the arrangement.

Some 72 p.c. of those affected had accepted the offer by the time it closed on Wednesday, agreeing to waive any other claims.

Wordnet shares are being quoted over-the-counter by Hill Woolgar at a middle price of around 16p and the company itself is making encouraging noises about its prospects after the disasters leading to a £1·5 million loss last year.

Taking part in the rescue package was Olivetti, the Italian group which has become much embroiled with British computer company problems of late. Olivetti capitalised £352,000 of the money owed to it by Wordnet into preference shares.

Yelverton itself stressed that its own management had changed entirely since the *Wordnet offer, and after acting* as the channel for the negotia*tions, has no further interest* in the company. Dainville still has a stake in Wordnet and a spokesman said yesterday that "we obviously hope that matters will go well with the company—now."

When the seller catches a cold

COLD-CALLING to sell commodity futures is not under current law, illegal but it is severely discouraged. So one member of the public was interested to receive a call from a salesman with a well-established firm of commodity brokers who had contacted his home and been directed to his work telephone number by his wife.

A *long and detailed chat* ensued, as the salesman extolled the merits of commodity investment and urged the man on the other end of the telephone to participate.

Frankly, I doubt whether the would-be seller views the call as oneof his happier efforts. It failed to produce any new business, but resulted in some pithy comments to his own management.

The potential punter at his desk in the offices of the Securities and Investments Board, was Prof Jim Gower, father of the Government's new investor protection laws to outlaw all cold-calling on investments.

Argle Barget on the agenda

The *first* creditors' meeting of furniture group Barget takes place on Thursday with the possibility of an attempt to salvage at least something from the wreckage of the trading and services company which lost £1·3 million in 1983.

Unfortunately there is little sign of hope for shareholders participating in the rights issue for £1·2 million in November *1983 only* to see their shares suspended at 11p last January with no hint of figures since 1983 or the hoped-for trading improvement. The likelihood is that, even if an arrangement can be reached with the secured creditors, investors will get nothing back for their shareholdings.

But there may be some matters of interest at the meeting, since there *has* been some intriguing talk of legal action against a substantial debtor which also happens to be run by Barget's largest shareholder.

Posgate's day of reckoning

MONDAY also sees a final verdict *by the ruling* Council of Lloyd's of London on the fate of Ian Posgate, once one of the star underwriters. In May, Mr Posgate appealed against recommendations by the Lloyd's disciplinary committee that he be expelled from membership for alleged "discreditable conduct" in accepting inducements to place reinsurance business through the Alexander Howden Group.

The council has been mulling over the written decision of Lord Wilberforce, head of the appeals tribunal, and is about to pronounce.

SHAREHOLDERS in property group William Mowat face an interesting choice on Monday. On the one hand, there is 25 p.c. shareholder Brian Dunlop who does not like the remarkably grand-style expansion plans by the group's new-look board.

On the other, is the bord itself including David Britton and William Starkey.

A LEADING SWISS BANK TAKES A CLOSE LOOK AT THE U.S. DOLLAR.

There can be no doubt that the anticipated value of the U.S. dollar is a key factor in any international investment strategy today. The big question is: Where will the dollar go from here?

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There appears to be some confusion as to the sources of the dollar's current strength. The significance of interest rate differentials has perhaps been overemphasized.

A number of important short-term factors, as well as certain secular trends, underscore the fact that although there are undeniably a few dark clouds on the dollar's horizon, they are not without their silver linings.

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Lawson revamps gilt tax

CAPITAL gains tax on gilts is to disappear from next July—even for sales of stocks held for less than a year—and the complicated indexation provisions due to come into effect in February are to be abandoned.

Sales of gilt-edged government stocks held for more than 12 months are currently free of the 30 p.c. gains tax and will remain so.

At present however, any stock held for a shorter period is liable for gains tax on the whole of the nominal profit—though each single person or married couple is allowed £5,900 of gain tax-free in the current year from all sources. This rule will continue to apply until sales on or before July 1 next year, by when we will be in the new tax year, giving a further exemption limit.

Indexation, effectively deducting the inflation element from any gain, has not applied to gilt-edged stock because the index factors could only be applied if the assets had been held for a year—and gilt-sales are free of gains tax after a year anyway.

This year's Budget however proposed that indexation would apply as soon as assets were acquired, affecting gilts as well as shares or other investments, and that would have benefitted anyone selling gilts at a profit from February 28 next year.

But because rising inflation would almost, or completely, wipe-out the actual gains on gilt values, that would have meant investors could use holdings in government stocks to establish tax losses that could be offset against gains on other assets. Chancellor Nigel Lawson was thus forced to change the rules again this week.

For gilt sales between February 28 and July 1 investors will be worse off, but the government stock should become a far simpler investment.

So the simple new rule is that for any sales of gilts beforey Jul 2 next year which have been held for less than 12 months, gains tax is payable on the full nominal gain—if any—or the loss can be offset against other gains. For sales of gilts from that date, whenever they were bought, there is no tax.

But the new rules apply only to investment directly in gilts—not to investment in vehicles investing in gilts. Profits on-

TARGET DIGS IN ON DISCOUNTS

THE OFFICE of Fair Trading is investigating complaints that Target Life is refusing to service insurance brokers who cut the price of the company's policies by passing back to the customer part of their commission.

With Target offering commission to brokers on pensions policies of up to 90 p.c. of the first year's premiums—plus part of each succeeding year's premium—some brokers believe that there is considerable scope for passing part of that commission back to the public.

Naturally such brokers hope to win extra business from offering cut-price policies.

But as we revealed here in April, Target has told its 2,000 brokers that if any of them pass back commission — not only on Target policies but on any other companies'—then they will be cut off the network and never given any commission

As the letters here show, Life Insurance Association president Tony Gordon wrote to Target offering congratulations, and the British Insurance Brokers' Association not only backed Target but has now written to all other insurance companies asking whether they are considering following the example.

But such action could put them in trouble. The Office of Fair Trading admitted last night that it is studying complaints that this attempt at "retail price maintainance" is an anti-competitive practice.

And although insurance matters do not technically come within restrictive trade practices, they are covered by the Competition Act. The director-general of Fair Trading could ask the Monopolies Commission to investigate Target and any followers.

It is highly debatable whether investors should be allowed to buy services from top-quality companies through agents prepared to reduce their price.

Few object when the discount electrical shop undercuts the department store for the same item, or when a bucket shop sells air tickets at prices below the airlines themselves.

But Target's managing director John Stone believes that protecting prices protects investors. "The major proportion of people who would deal through a discount shop have actually obtained advice from a normal broker," he says.

"The profit margins are not there for the discount shops to provide a continuing service."

Richard Northedge

Dear John,

I am writing to offer the Association's 'congratulations' on your Company's stance over commission rebating.

There is no doubt that one of the dangers of some of the Goverment proposals is the possibility of wholesale rebating as a means of attracting business. The Association applauds your stance. We hope others will follow your example.

Yours sincerely,

Tony Gordon
President

B.I.B.A. agrees with Target Life's view that this type of marketing is bad for brokers. An insurance broker could spend a great deal of time imparting his professional advice and expertise only to discover that the business is subsequently placed with an intermediary offering discounts. This cannot be in the industry's long term interest for it merely transfers the business away from the professional fully servicing insurance broker.

B.I.B.A. considers that as insurance brokers are required by law to place their clients' interests before all other considerations they must receive and retain an adequate remuneration to ensure they are able to maintain the standards required of them under the Insurance Brokers (Registration) Act 1977.

My purpose in writing is to enquire whether your company has considered taking a similar course of action to Target Life in respect of those intermediaries offering discounts other than on private managed fund business and special offers on large mail shots.

Yours sincerely

WENDY HOYSTON
Secretary, B.I.B.A. Life and Pensions Committee

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HOMEOWNERS UPS AND DOWNS

DEPENDING on where you live and whether you are a houseowner, the figures in the table here are either good or bad, writhes **Richard Northedge.**

For those in London who were not first time buyers when they acquired their present homes the figures show that their property will have risin in value by 12·6 p.c. over the past year if it has followed the average of all the deals financed by the Abbey National Building Society. That is an extra £6,500 tax-free simply from sitting tight.

But the average homeowner in the North now has a property worth more than £1,500 less than it was a year ago.

Between London and the North the degree to which homeowners are lucky or unlucky gradually changes. East Anglia and the South-East have seen strong rises in house prices over the past year, though less than London's. Most of the country north or west of the Midlands has seen a fall in average prices.

Britain is thus experiencing a boom in parts. Booms traditionally start—and end—in London, however, and work through the regiosn like ripples in a pond. It seems likely that the South-East's rises will work through to the rest of the country in at least a reduced form over the next year or so.

Certainly the Midlands and North now have scope for catching up. The miners' strike is one key factor in the poor prices of the Midlands, Wales and North, with miners and related workers either reluctant to commit funds to a new property over the past year or economically unable to maintain even their existing homes, resulting in forced sales in some cases.

While the underlying unemployment of these areas is likely to remain bad over the next year the effects of the mining dispute should have faded sufficiently by next year to allow people to consider buying again. But if prices have barely moved from those originally paid over the past few years owners will have little equity to put into new homes, and thus little incentive to move.

Nevertheless, while a shortage of mortgage funds at many building societies causing chains to develop in the market could cause a slowdown in London's price boom, there seems good reason to envisage property prices continuing to rise in real terms for some months yet.

And, although prices could continue to fall further in the outer provinces, there is more reason to see them stabilising before turning to start catching up with the South's. Whichever part of the country people live in, this seems a good time to buy.

And while mortgage rates are relatively high at present buyers should be able to bank on the next movement in rates being downward, thus allowing them to commit themselves more fully now than if a rise was imminent.

While prices in the capital could become high next year and then be forced to slow down for a couple of years, prices in the provinces look cheap and could now provide the medium term bargains.

How prices compare throughout the United Kingdom

AREA	FIRST-TIME BUYERS' HOMES: Three month rise (Per cent.)	Average price	One-year rise (Per cent.)	PAST OWNERS' HOMES: Three month rise (Per cent.)	Average price	One-year rise (Per cent.)
London	+2·0	£37,327	+11·7	+5·1	£57,991	+12·6
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South-West	+4·3	£26,285	+4·5	+5·3	£40,228	+5·6
East Anglia	+2·7	£26,219	+13·6	+5·1	£38,365	+6·6
East Midland	+0·4	£19,132	−1·1	+2·7	£31,834	+4·4
West Midland	−0·4	£19,742	−0·5	+4·6	£33,345	−0·3
Wales	−3·2	£19,538	−0·1	−1·8	£29,117	−3·7
Yorks & Humber	+1·3	£18,679	+4·2	−2·2	£28,881	−2·7
North West	−4·9	£19,033	+0·1	+4·3	£31,105	−0·8
North	+0·6	£18,364	−0·3	−3·7	£28,048	−5·2
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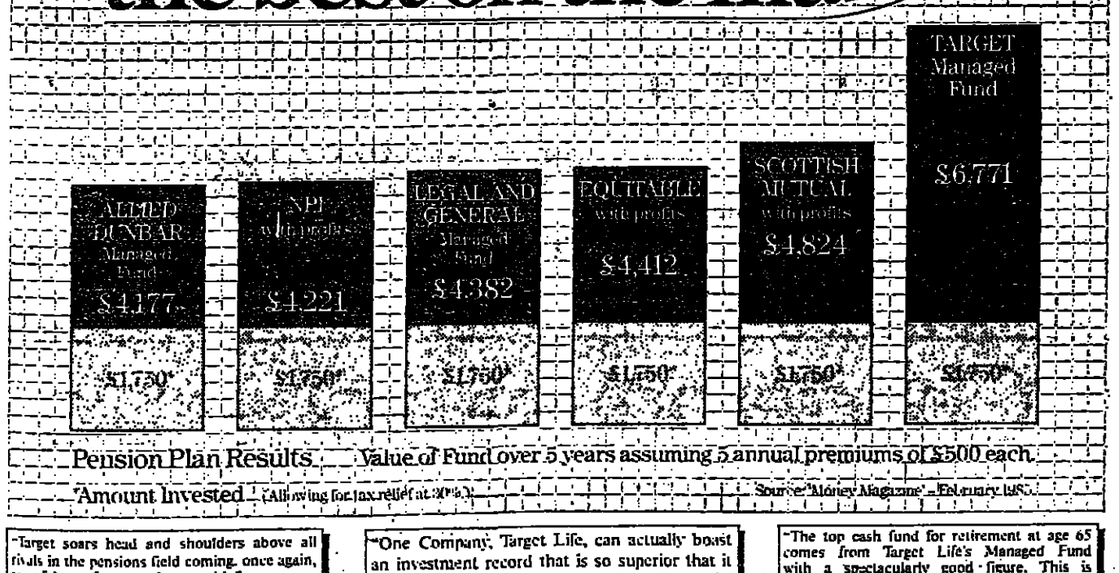

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BUSINESS EXPANSION

Richard Northedge reports on the risks of investing in Government - backed growth businesses.

THE latest accounts for Electra Risk Capital's first business start-up scheme fund present a timely caution for those still attracted by the tax-efficiency of the Government backed vehicles for investing in growing businesses. The £8·68 million subscribed by the public for Electra's fund in 1981, was, by last month, worth just £5·87 million.

Business start-up schemes are no longer offered to the public: in 1983 they were replaced by business expansion schemes. From the investing aspect they are the same — the public can buy shares in companies, effectively, from their pre-tax income. For a 50 p.c. taxpayer, for instance, that means shares can effectively be bought at half-price; for a top rate taxpayer the advantage is even greater.

If the company goes bust and its shares become worthless, it matters little whether the shares were bought at full price, half-price or whatever — the complete investment is lost.

That is why funds such as Electra's were formed. They allowed the public's money to be spread over a wide range of situations, so reducing the risk. Business expansion funds perform the same role.

But while the risk is spread by using a fund rather than investing in a single company, the investor does not know what companies his cash will ultimately be put into when he subscribes to a fund. Single companies seeking cash at least have to produce a prospectus allowing the investor to make some judgment on the management's calibre and the nature of the business.

That applies to the current business expansion funds and companies as much as to the old start-up schemes. But there is one key difference between the two vehicles: the business expansion scheme allows money to be invested in existing companies with trading records—start-up schemes had no such proven experience.

Electra had a disadvantage compared with current schemes therefore, and while it spread investors' money widely—over 32 different companies—it is inevitable that that would involve some losers as well as some potential winners.

In the event, however, investors must be worried about the balance between those two groups. Out of the 32 investments, ten have been sold at a loss or even gone bust. Only five of the remainder are making a profit, and almost all the investment present problems of one sort or another.

Part of the fund's companies' problems have come in trying to refinance. Growing companies need new finance to expand, and ailing companies can need it to stay afloat. Either way it became difficult for start-up scheme companies to attract further funds from the public once there was the option of business expansion scheme funds and companies—particularly when loopholes in the law (closed in the last two Budgets) allowed tax-efficient investment in safe situations such as farmland and property development.

Fylda, a company trying to develop a mass urban transport scheme in which the Electra fund has invested £305,000, admits it needs substantial further funding for instance. Newjig making carpentry tools is also seeking new short term funding, and the Strontian Minerals company where another £352,000 is invested requires new money too and is undergoing a capital reconstruction.

Templedown, a West End restaurant company, is raising cash by selling its county house leisure centre, but Electra sold its stake in Semar Packaging for virtually nothing when it became apparent that new money was needed.

Hawkley, the weighing machine firm with £201,000 of Electra money needs more cash too.

Petalbyte, a microcomputer disk company and Bowes Electronics which made testing equipment have actually gone into receivership.

Of the other companies, American Monitor into which £750,000 was put has sales well below budget; Automated Microbiology's scanner sales are below forecast; Catering Cost Control—another software company into which £100,000 was put—has reported unsatisfactory sales; Electropatent's power track sales are slow, too.

Eosys—an office technology company with £250,000 of Electra investors' cash—made a loss last year while Kara Foods, selling hamburger buns from Milton Keynes lost £150,000 from faults in its plant and Roth, a modular building system, has a poor outlook too. The building programme at Bradford's Midland Hotel will not be finished until next year either and a partner is being sought for the scheme.

There are other sad stories too, but it adds up to Electra's chairman Michael Stoddart having to admit that the shares are unlikely ever to recover to their original value during the five year period they have to be held to secure the tax efficiency.

It will thus be the tax efficiency and nothing else which gives investors any reward. If the high rate taxpayer did effectively pay only half-price for his shares, then finding them worth three-quarters of the price still leaves a profit—if a poor one after half a decade.

Electra has no doubt been unlucky, but while the other major start-up fund—Capital Ventures' Basildon fund — suffered two collapses fairly early in its life, it is showing a healthy overall gain.

Electra's problems are there and little can be done about them. The lesson of that fund for those now contemplating business expansion scheme investment is not to be blinded by the tax advantages into putting money into schemes which would be avoided completely without that tax incentive — and not to invest blind either. Managers offering a fund should be asked to give a clear indication of the type and range of business in which to invest.

The table here shows the single companies currently offering shares through the business expansion scheme. The column showing the proportion of the share subscription which buys assets can give some indication of the safety of the investment—the assets ought to be saleable.

But investors should read prospectuses very carefully—and take independent advice before committing funds. In particular for instance, stockbroker John Spiers of Greenwell draws attention to the fact that 32.7 *p.c. of the cash being* raised by Panelflex Holdings will disappear in the cost of the issue.

It is possibly a pity therefore that from next week, the Department of Trade will no longer be monitoring business expansion scheme funds.

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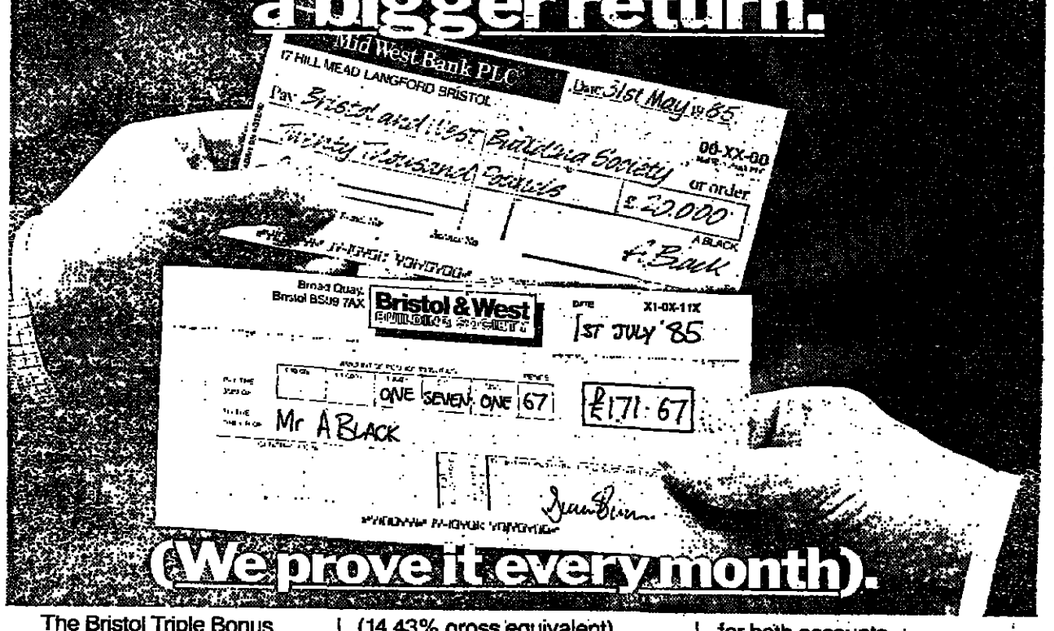

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STUDENT, STAR AND TAXMAN

DAVE CLARK, the 1960s drumming pop star, has established the point made last autumn by a student claiming his local authority grant. The point is that a person's ordinary residence has nothing to do with how long he spends in a particular place, but what he does there—and that change in the perceived law now has legal backing, thanks to the student and the star.

As we reported at the time, a House of Lords case last year, concerning the availability of a student's local authority grant, stated that whether a person was "ordinarily resident" was not linked to the length of his stay in a country.

"The important factor now is whether the individual has gone abroad voluntarily and established a regular way of life in the overseas country," says John Wosner of accountants Pannell Kerr Forster.

The case is of particular importance to taxpayers who wish to avoid capital gains tax by shedding their residence in the United Kingdom. Inland Revenue Practice—as explained in their booklet, IR 20—indicates that the Revenue requires the individual to leave the U K for three years before they will consider him to have lost his ordinary residence.

But last month, in the tax case concerning Dave Clark of the Dave Clark Five, the judge made it clear that the student's grant case was now the law of the land and the length of an individual's stay overseas was not what mattered in determining his ordinary residence. The question now is where is his regular way of life carried on.

As Dave Clark had set up home in the United States and carried on his work from there, his physical presence there for just over twelve months was sufficent to result in him not being ordinarily resident here.

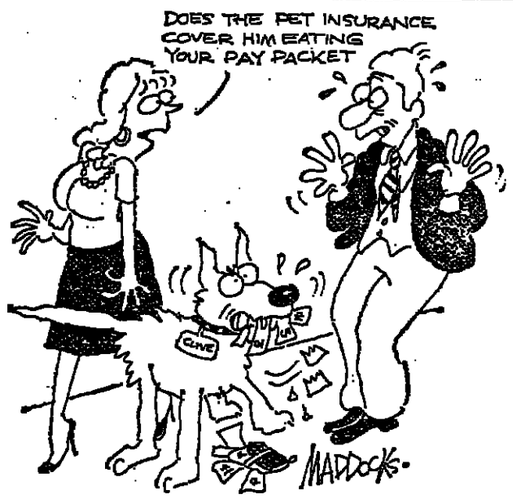
"The lesson from this is that in most cases, if an individual is absent from the United Kingdom for a period which includes an income tax year (April 6 to April 5) and establishes a home and way of life overseas, he will not be ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom during that period of absence," says Mr Wosner.

"This is obviously of great importance to an individual planning his tax affairs through non-residence in the United Kingdom, and may offer opportunities to those individuals who can organise a period of continuous presence overseas."

'PROMISE TO PAY BEARER'...

...even when it's in two halves

When a pound note gets into the washing machine or into the dog's mouth all is not lost, as Keith Ellis explains.



IF you leave a bundle of fivers in your slacks while they are churned, rinsed and spun-dry in your washing-machine, the resulting papier mâché is unlikely to be acceptable at your local supermarket. Nor will notes that have been torn, burned or chewed by your dog. But you can usually realise their full value if you know how to go about it.

The simplest way of turning bad money into good is to take it along to your nearest bank or post office. Banks will consider any amount, but post offices only up to £50.

Both apply similar rules which distinguish between one pound notes and those of higher denominations.

If a one pound note is still in one piece, the part you hand in must be more than half the original area. If it has been dismembered it must be in not more than four pieces.

It must contain the whole of the legend "I promise to pay the bearer on demand the sum of" and at least one third of the Chief Cashier's signature, currently D. H. F. Somerset.

With higher denomination notes, you must also have a complete set of index letters and digits in the top left hand corner and at least two complete letters or digits in the bottom right hand corner, or vice versa.

If your notes meet these requirements, they will usually be changed on the spot. Otherwise you must complete Form MN which is headed "Mutilated Bank of England Notes."

Apart from your name, address and telephone number, you are asked to state the quantity of notes of each denomination and also their total value. You should also give the serial numbers or as much as you can make out from the remains.

You have to say how the notes were damaged and what became of the missing portions. You are asked for the name and address of anyone who witnessed your disaster and also of someone, not a relative, who can vouch for your good faith.

If you are acting for another person, you must give your athority. The Bank of Engluand also wishes to know whether you have previosly claimed for notes damaged in the same incident.

If you obtained your form from your bank, it will be sent, together with the damaged notes, to the Bank of England's mutilated notes department at Newcastle upon Tyne.

If your form came from the post office, you must yourself post it to Newcastle, together with the notes, preferably registered.

The Bank never pays out on counterfeits but it may do so on genuine notes even when the criteria applied by ordinary banks and post offices are not met. For instance, it will not insist on the "promise to pay" clause or the Chief Cashier's signature on pound notes.

A record of serial numbers is kept and if a note is cut in halves and separate owners cleaim on each, they will be put in touch with each other to negotiate.

The Bank will go to considerable lengths to honour a claim. When notes are chewed, torn or shredded, assistants will spend many hours piecing the fragments together. These may even be sent for laboratory tests at the Bank's own printing works at Debden in Essex.

Doulas Hoblyn, manager of the Bank of England's Newcastle branch, says: "Sometimes we receive ony a load of metallic threads but by counting them and measuring their lengths, we can tell how many notes there were of each denomination."

In a doubtful case, a decision may be deferred for six months but usually a claim is processed in four weeks. If it was originally made through a bank, the money is credited to the claimant's account through the banking system. Otherwise, you will be sent a cheque. There is no charge for the service.

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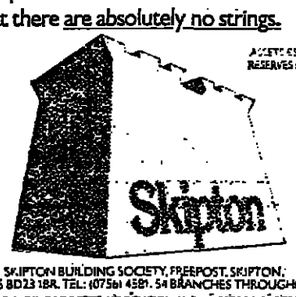

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"Right now, you should be investing in companies you may never have heard of."

"I know of no better investment today than relatively unknown companies. Which may sound surprising as, over the last two years, it is shares in blue chip companies which have performed spectacularly well.

But this was due to two factors, both of which have now run their course.

Firstly, big companies streamlined their operations during the recession and, as a result, became more profitable when business picked up.

Secondly, the strong Dollar increased the value of the earnings of British companies in the USA.

However now that this momentum has slowed, institutional investors are turning their attention to smaller companies with growth prospects. A philosophy I have already been following for some time.

My belief is that in the future we will see a number of relatively unheard of companies growing in profitability, despite the general pedestrian economic trends.

Which is why, for those investors who want real growth on their investments, this type of company provides first class prospects.

In fact, some of these second liners have already outstripped many in the first division by returning above average profits.

And we will continue to pinpoint these companies as effectively as possible.

Obviously, to reduce risk, a good deal of research and analysis is required to pave the way.

After all, to buy shares when they are out of favour you have to be convinced that your view is correct.

Because of this, when considering investment opportunities for Target's Special Situations Fund, two well tried courses of action are taken.

ASSET VALUATION

Firstly, if we think that a share is radically undervalued compared to the net asset value of the company, let alone the growth potential, we would consider it to be a relatively low risk way of buying what may well prove to be highly-geared stock.

Only last year, for example, we bought Associated Newspapers because we discovered that its assets were probably worth more than four times its share price.

Since then, the share price has risen as other investors began to realise the extent of the group's property interests and its stake in a valuable oil company.

DIGGING DEEP

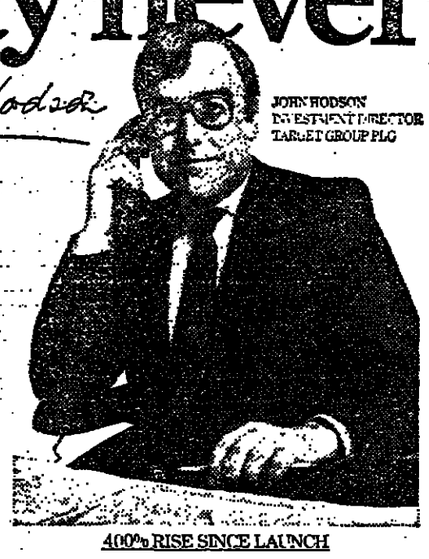
The second type of stock we look for is one where a company's business is diversifying, or even changing – factors which are probably unknown to the majority of private investors.

An example is Lamont Holdings. This company had previously been thought of as a Northern Irish producer of textiles labouring under a fairly dowdy image. But after visiting the company a year ago and digging fairly deeply, we discovered that Lamont was diversifying very profitably into the area of computer technology.

We knew that a re-rating of stock was inevitable, so we bought soon after our visit. In fact, since our investment, the share price has risen substantially and is now tipped by leading market analysts – a year behind us!

BROADER HORIZONS

Recently, we have decided to broaden our horizons slightly by looking for opportunities outside the UK. At certain times over the last six months up to 10% of the fund value has been invested in the Far East. And we now have an interest in the USA. However, our Special Situations Fund is always likely to have the majority of its assets in the UK.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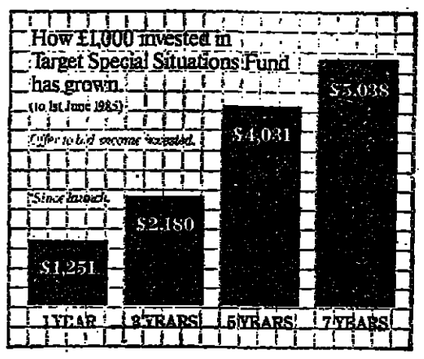

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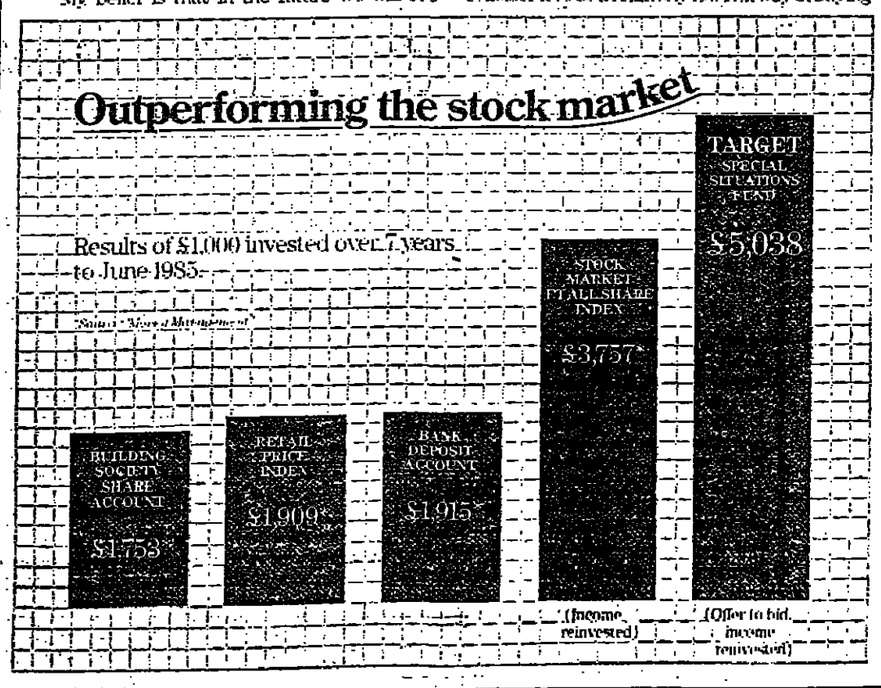

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TRUST MANAGERS FIND THE GOING HEAVY

HALFWAY through the year—and half way through our unit trust competition—Hill Samuel has moved into top place but in the past few months, world stock markets have given few of the fund managers much to boast about.

At the start of the year, we gave each of the 10 leading fund managers an imaginary £3,000 to invest in up to three of their own trusts with the objective of maximising their profit over the year. Any dividends are re-invested in units as they are paid, but while we allow the managers to switch as often as they want, they face exactly the same terms as the investing public at large.

So they must buy their units at offer prices but can only sell them at bid prices—with any discounts that would be available to the ordinary public anyway. And it is at bid prices the chosen units are valued—so a price increase of around 6 p.c. is necessary simply to make up the bid-offer spread before the managers can claim a profit on their original investment.

Even so, as the table shows, after six months, three of the managers are showing an overall profit, one fewer than could make the same claim at the three-month stage however. Markets have turned against the managers since the beginning of April, and even Hill Samuel's leading total value is £27 lower than it was in April.

But though its funds were worth more then, Hill Samuel was in second place. M & G boasting the lead at the time with a £3,107 total has slipped back to the table's bottom half, largely because of a setback in its compound fund with the units now standing 27p below their peak.

TSB, whose choice of selected opportunities has been held for each year of the competition since winning in 1983, has slipped from fourth place too while its units stand 5p below their 1985 best.

Henderson however, has jumped from bottom place as its American recovery units recovered smartly. Three months ago they were worth a depressed £2,874. Allied, whose capital trust units are standing 19p below their peak drops into bottom place.

As we always remind readers, however, not only are there some months to go, a one-year competition cannot be compared directly with real investment.

Seven of our fund managers were doing better three months ago but they are free to switch if they have doubts about their portfolio. We will keep you informed of their movements, and report regularly on who is ahead.

UNIT TRUST COMPETITION

MANAGER	TRUSTS	Original Investment	Value July 1	Total
Hill Samuel	European	£1,500	£1,544	£3,053
	Spec. Sits	£1,500	£1,509	
Schroder	European	£1,000	£1,005	£3,025
	U S Small Cos	£2,000	£2,020	
Henderson	American Recovery	£3,000	£3,000	£3,000
Barclays Unicorn	Growth	£1,000	£998	£2,990
	Spec Sits	£1,000	£988	
	Worldwide	£1,000	£1,004	
Britannia	Hongkong	£1,500	£1,535	£2,983
	U K Growth	£1,500	£1,448	
M & G	Compound	£2,000	£1,923	£2,974
	Gold & General	£1,000	£1,051	
T S B	Selected Opps	£3,000	£2,867	£2,867
Save & Prosper	U K Equity	£3,000	£2,845	£2,845
Fidelity	Am. Equity Inc.	£1,000	£970	£2,847
	Growth & Inc.	£1,000	£1,036	
	Japan	£1,000	£847	
Allied	Capital Trust	£3,000	£2,382	£2,382

HEALTH CARE

A NEW permanent health insurance scheme for companies with 20 or more staff is being launched by Sun Life of Canada, which claims not only that rates are competitive, but that there are no exclusions. The maximum benefit brings staff pensions and other income up to its pre-disability level.

CHESHUNT'S 11 p.c.

THE small Cheshunt Building Society joined in the leapfrogging this week on its Special 4 term shares. Investments in the 90-day account of £20,000-plus now earn 11 p.c. net while those over £5,000 earn 10½ p.c., and 10¼ p.c. is paid above the minimum £500.

AMETHYST RESET

RELIANCE Mutual is reducing the minimum premium on its 10-year Amethyst savings plan from £30 to £25 a month, and the maximum proportion of the premium invested goes up from 98 to 100 p.c., depending on the size of the payment. An extra 1 p.c. is being allocated on annual premiums and redundancy cover is being added.

HIGH YIELDER

A HIGH-YIELDING gilt unit trust is being launched by ManuLife, whose gilt insurance fund is the past five years' best performer. Income will be paid quarterly, and the minimum investment is £2,500, fixed until July 19 with charges of 5 p.c. up front and ½ p.c. annually.

BALANCING ACT

A JAPANESE bond is being offered b ythe Abbey Life insurance group. But the company warns of the risk, so suggests it only as part of a balanced portfolio. The minimum is £1,000, but there is a 1 p.c. discount on investments over £5,000 and 2 p.c. above £20,000.

SAVERS' SHORTS

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The Throgmorton Trust

Sharp rise in Net Asset Value Earnings increased by 9.3 per cent

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★ Earnings per share were 3.88p (31.5.84 – 3.55p). An increase of 9.3 per cent.

★ Net Revenue from ordinary activities before taxation was £3,148,000 (31.5.84 – £2,971,000). An increase of 5.9 per cent.

★ Net Revenue from ordinary activities after taxation was £2,205,000 (31.5.84 – £2,020,000). An increase of 9.1 per cent.

★ The Board of Directors have declared an interim dividend of 2.75p per share (31.5.84 – same), to be paid on 29th August 1985 to Ordinary Shareholders on the register at 25th July 1985.

Interim Revenue Statement for six months ended 31 May 1985 (Unaudited)

	6 months to 31 May 1985	6 months to 31 May 1984	Year ended 30 November 1984
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Revenue from investments	3,727	4,216	7,536
Gross revenue	4,794	4,550	8,983
Net revenue from ordinary activities before taxation	3,148	2,971	5,753
Net revenue from ordinary activities after taxation	2,205	2,020	4,317
Earnings per share	3.88p	3.55p	7.60p
Net Asset Value per share	307.4p	222.4p	265.4p

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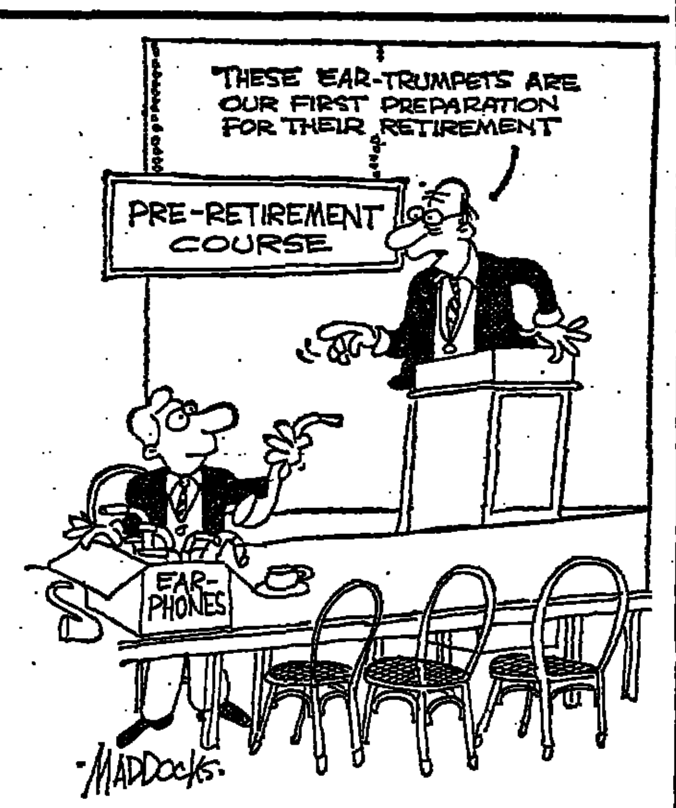
Diana Wright describes some of the courses available on preparing for retirement. Some cover health, nutrition and finance.



COMPANIES are waking up to the fact that their responsibilities towards their retiring employees do not necessarily stop at providing them with a pension. Retirement marks one of the biggest changes in anyone's life: and as far as investment and financial planning are concerned, is the biggest change.

Apart from the fact that investment aims are likely to take an abrupt about-turn from providing capital growth to yielding a reasonable income, people could well be faced with an investment decision regarding the largest cash sum they have ever had to deal with, thanks to the commutation provisions of their pension scheme, which can allow individuals to take a lump sum equivalent to one and a half times salary.

Pre-retirement counselling services are on the increase: run, generally at the behest of the employees' companies by a variety of organisations offered for a variety of motives.

Insurance companies such as Legal & General offer these schemes on the basis that as one of the largest United Kingdom pensions companies, it is a good and appropriate thing for them to do: long-term public relation, in fact.

Independent financial advisers and employee benefit consultants offer services which can either be purely on a fee basis (charged to companies rather than individuals) or instead on the premise that the provision of such a service should lead to increased business for them.

The biggest drawback to any of these schemes is that all too often they are left too late, and that on the financial side of pre-retirement counselling, at any rate, more help can be offered if companies and individuals were willing to look ahead, not just six months to retirement, but from five or even 10 years away.

The biggest plus to the schemes is that they can reach those who actually need the advice most at the time they most need it, and prevent simple mistakes being made at the outset of retirement which can have increasing repercussions over the level of retirement income for the rest of their lives.

Legal & General is one of the biggest and longest established operators in this area. Its courses run from one to three day and cover a wide range of subjects, not just the financial ones such as state and occupational scheme benefits, taxation and investments, but more generally, health, use of leisure time and the psychological aspects to retirement.

Legal & General organise the conference and the speakers but ensure the financial counselling part of the course is undertaken by someone other than themselves—an independent broker. The typical fee charged to the company is £1,000 for a two-day course held on the company's premises; they like to see numbers limited to around 15 to 20, though this is the company's decision.

Last year, Legal & General broadened its service by holding evening "Pensions Roadshows," open to members of the public, at which they try to include other organisations such as banks, building societies, local holiday firms. Three roadshows are scheduled for the autumn in Southampton, Manchester and Croydon.

Commercial Union runs a three day residential course at its training centre near Maidstone: until last year, purely for their own employees but now broadened to include any company willing to pay around £550 plus VAT per employee.

The course, like Legal & General's, covers the whole range of pre-retirement subjects—health, nutrition, the home, retirement activities, as well as the financial side and subjects such as making a will.

Commercial Union uses outside people for many of the talks: the financial side, for example, being covered by independent adviser Sedgwicks. What does Commercial Union get out of it? Certainly not money, they say; they don't make a profit on the courses, though expect to break even. It sees them as a natural extension of what they do for their employees, and a natural activity for a pensions company such as itself to undertake.

Independent financial advisers and employee benefit consultants who are active in this field include Hogg Robinson, Stewart Wrightson and Sedgwicks. All three are fairly flexible on the matter of fees for courses: "We will work either on a fee basis or commission basis," according to Christopher Fry of Hogg Robinson.

"If a fee is charged, then we will offset commission we receive from delegates to the course placing business through us."

All of them emphasise that they cover the full range of investment advice and products, from National Savings and building societies to unit trusts and life assurance schemes.

Another company which has recently started a pre-retirement planning service is Towry Law. According to Clive Scott-Hopkins, their investment advice covers unit trust advice—including a monthly income portfolio—"back-to-back" 10-year life assurance plans, insurance bonds and capital transfer tax planning, as well as advice on subjects such as making a will.

The Towry Law service is free, on the basis that it will provide a good source of new business.

No pre-retirement can really be satisfactory unless the members are in possession of all the information they need, not just the amount of possible free assets to invest, but how much they can expect from their occupational pension scheme, from State benefits etc — which demands full blooded rather than half hearted co-operation from their companies.

Companies can also help by arranging for their employees to attend a course earlier rather than later: if people are encouraged to think about their future retirement say five years before the big day, there's a reasonable chance they can set about helping their prospects by starting an Additional Voluntary Contribution scheme. Six months, or even one year before, is simply too late.

ABBEY LIFE TESTS THE WATER

A BUSINESS Expansion Fund from the Abbey Life unit trust and life assurance group is being launched this week, hoping to raise up to £2·5 million by August 5, with individual investors restricted to between £1,000 and £40,000, but with a loanback facility to subscribers at 2½ p.c. above bank base rate.

The fund will invest in some start-up situations and there can be no promises on results. But Abbey's action shows that the "retail" nance groups are moving into an area which has so far been associated with merchant banks and venture capital houses, about whom most investors knew little.

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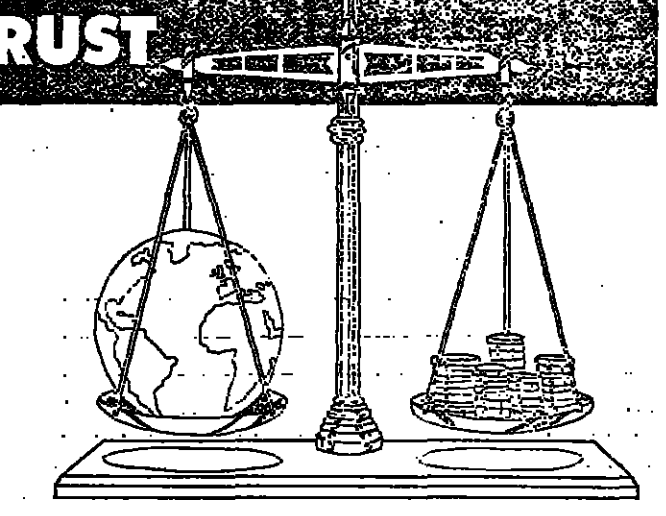

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HOP, STEP AND JUMP . . .

HAVING started the game of leapfrog, the Leeds Permanent seemed to be calling a halt this week when it stated that its Limited Edition account will not be sold after the end of the month.

Calls to othersocieties to stop the savers' rates escalation have been ignored not only do all the other leading societies intend keeping their guaranteed differential accounts on offer for the moment, the National Provisincial last night announced that a new 60-day account will be launched next week paying 10¾ p.c.—equivalent to 15·36 p.c.—with a £500 minimum and instant-access over £10,000.

For all the Leeds says it is ending the leapfrogging, savers should not be surprised if the society comes up with a new account to replace Limited Edition.

And for all it wans to end leapfrogging, the Leeds is actually improving the Limited Edition terms before the offer closes. In particular, the £10,000 minimum balance is being halved to £5,000, making the account more suitable for more people.

At present the Halifax's Premium Xtra equivalent still has a £10,000 minimum, but other societies, including the Nationwide, have guaranteed differential accounts for sums from £500.

The Nationwide's guarantee of 2½ p.c. for three years, or the Abbey National's 2¾ p.c. for two years remain the best offers of the leading societies.

Euros set the pace

AT THE half-way point of 1985, it is a mixed group of units trusts which are challenging to be the year's top performer. European funds, which were tipped widely at the start of the year, are proving successful however, and America has regained strength, even though the recovery in sterling acts against those trusts which have not hedged.

A quarter of the top-twenty performances measured this week by Money Management magazine are investing specifically in the United States.

At the bottom of the table every one of the 20 worst performing unit trusts is invested either in technology stocks, or in Japan and the Pacifica basin including Australia.

1985's WINNERS

TRUST	PERCENTAGE GAIN
FS Balanced-Growth ...	+40·4
Bailey Gifford America	+31·4
Holborn UG Growth ...	+28·2
TR Special Opportunities	+27·8
Oppenheimer European	+27·0
Britania Int Leisure ...	+24·1
Bishopsgate Progressive	+23·9
Simon & Coates Spec Sity	+22·9
TR American Growth	+23·0
Oppenheimer UK Growth	+22·0
Temple Bar Recovery	+21·6
SKG Income & Growth	+21·0
Mercury Ameri Growth	+19·8
Framlington Amer & Gen	+19·2
Lawson Ameri Growth	+19·1
Stewart Britannia ...	+18·4
Arbuthnot European ...	+17·4
Worldwide	+17·3
Arkwright Fund ...	+17·1

1985's LOSERS

TRUST	PERCENTAGE LOSS
Waverley Pacific Energy	−23·8
Wardley Technology ...	−22·9
Atlanta Japan & F East	−22·1
Britannia Japan Smlr Cos	−21·0
Cartmore Australian	−19·4
Henderson Singapore	−18·9
Schroder Singapore ...	−18·6
Brown Shipley Tech ...	−18·2
Schroder Australia ...	−17·5
Fidelity Japan Spec Sit's	−17·4
Target Malay & Singa	−17·4
Aitken Hume Japan Tech	−16·8
EFM Smlr Japanese Cos	−16·8
Lawson Aust & Pacific	−16·7
Britannia Aust Growth	−16·1
Tyndall Japanese Growth	−16·0
EFM Tokyo	−15·5
Henderson Jap Tech ...	−15·5
Stewart Australian ...	−15·5
Save & Prosp New Tech	−15·3

Source: MONEY MANAGEMENT. Offer-to-offer price movements from Jan. 1 to July 1.

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SAVER'S CHOICE

POSSIBLY the most significant news for savers this week was the announcement by the Leeds Permanent that its Limited Edition account—which guarantees to pay 2½ p.c. above its Ordinary share rate for two years—is being withdrawn at the end of the month. There are better guaranteed differential accounts, but the Leeds' began the leapfrogging and this could possibly be the beginning of the worth consideration there is no need to hurry..
end of the rates escalation. While anyone keen on the Leeds account rather than others should act quickly, we suggest that savers can afford to wait.

We have previously suggested waiting before buying the National Savings' 30th issue guaranteed rate certificates, which are still attractive for high taxpayers. While it is now very unlikely that the Government will bring out a better rate certificate, there is still no prospect of the 30th being withdrawn, so again, while worth consideration there is no need to hurry.

Among the high-interest bank accounts, Royal Bank of Scotland has cut its rate this week from a net 9·15 to 8·97 p.c. Schroder has increased its rate from 9·04 p.c. however, and Bank of Scotland has lifted its from 8·59 p.c.

Guaranteed income bond best-buys are unchanged, but Liberty Life's 2-year bond giving basic rate taxpayers 2·25 p.c. is being withdrawn on Tuesday, so again, fast action is necessary.

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Deposit rates nominal (v) ..	Barclays 7pc	Lloyds 7pc	Midland 6·75pc	Natwest 7·13pc	Ryl Bk of Scot. 7·10pc	Bk of Scot. 7·47pc	Clydesdale 7·13pc

	NOMINAL RATE p.c.	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE nil-tax p.c.	30pc tax p.c.	40pc tax p.c.	50pc tax p.c.	60pc tax p.c.	INVESTMENT LIMITS Minimum £	Maximum £
LLOYDS								
Deposit account (v)	7·00	7·12	7·12	6·10	5·09	4·07	—	—
1-month term (f)	8·56	8·90	8·90	7·63	6·36	5·09	—	—
3-month term (f)	8·56	8·80	8·80	7·54	6·29	5·03	—	—
6-month term (f)	8·38	8·55	8·55	7·33	6·11	4·89	—	—
12-month term	8·25	8·25	8·25	7·07	5·89	4·71	—	—
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK (v)								
Service account	2·00	2·00	2·00	1·72	1·43	1·14	—	—
Deposit account	6·00	6·00	6·00	5·14	4·29	3·43	—	—
Term deposit 1 year ..	8·75	8·75	8·75	7·50	6·25	5·00	1,000	—
NATIONAL GIROBANK (v)..	7·00	7·12	7·12	6·10	5·09	4·07	—	—

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Investment account (v)	12·75	12·75	8·93	7·65	6·38	5·10	5	50,000
INDEX-LINKED CERTS (v) (1)	7·00	7·00	7·00	7·00	7·00	7.00	7·00	7·00
30th ISSUE SAVINGS (f)								
Held for 1 year	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	25	5,000
Held for 2 years	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	—	—
Held for 3 years	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	—	—
Held for 4 years	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	—	—
Held for 5 years	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	—	—
Common extension rate ..	9·51	9·51	9·51	9·51	9·51	9·51	—	—
YEARLY PLAN (f):								
1-year	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	20 per month	100
2-year	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	—	—
3-year	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	—	—
4-year	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	—	—
5-year	9·29	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	—	—
DEPOSIT BONDS	13·25	13·25	9·28	7·63	6·63	5·30	100	50,000
INCOME BONDS	13·25	14·08	9·86	8·45	7·04	5·63	2,000	50,000

BUILDING SOCIETIES

90-day (v) Woolwich ..	10·75	11·04	11·04	9·46	7·89	6·31	500	—
Ord. acct	8·52	8·42	8·42	8·57	7·14	5·71	250	250,000
No notice (v) Anglia ..	10·00	10·00	10·00	9·46	7·89	6·31	500	—

MONEY FUNDS

Western Trust 1 month (f)	9·11	9·11	9·11	7·81	6·51	5·21	2,500	50,000
HFC Trust 3-month (f)	9·30	9·84	9·84	8·44	7·03	5·62	2,500	100,000
Lombard N Central 1-yr (f)	9·00	12·85	9·00	7·71	6·43	5·15	1,000	50,000

HIGH INTEREST BANK ACCOUNTS

Allied Dunbar (v)	9·18	9·58	9·58	8·21	6·84	5·47	1,000	—
Bank of Scotland (v)	8·89	9·25	9·25	7·93	6·61	5·29	2,500	—
Barclays Prime (v)	8·88	9·18	9·18	7·87	6·56	5·24	2,300	—
Barclays HRDA (v)	9·00	9·31	9·31	7·98	6·65	5·32	1,000	—
Britannia, Cater Allen (v)	9·02	9·39	9·39	8·05	6·71	5·37	1,000	10,000
Charterhouse Premium (v)	9·16	9·55	9·55	8·18	6·82	5·46	2,500	—
Citibank Cheque Plus (v)	10·00	10·55	10·55	9·04	7·54	6·03	500	—
Co-op Cheque & Save (v)	9·72	10·08	10·08	8·64	7·20	5·76	500	2,500
Lloyds HICA (v)	9·25	9·45	9·45	8·11	6·76	5·40	2,500	—
Lombard N. Central (v)	8·87	9·26	9·26	7·94	6·62	5·29	2,500	—
M&G/Kleinwort (v)	9·04	9·44	9·44	8·09	6·74	5·39	2,500	—
Midland (v)	9·00	9·30	9·30	7·97	6·64	5·32	2,000	—
NatWest Special Res. (v)	9·25	9·57	9·57	8·20	6·84	5·47	2,000	—
Royal Bk of Scot Prem (v)	8·97	9·28	9·28	7·95	6·63	5·30	2,500	—
Save & Prosper (v)	9·00	9·38	9·38	8·04	6·70	5·36	1,000	—
Schroder Wagg (v)	9·12	9·69	9·69	8·30	6·92	5·54	2,500	—
Tyndall & Co	9·13	9·58	9·58	8·21	6·84	5·47	2,500	—

DEPOSIT FUNDS

UDT 7-day (v)	9·15	9·47	9·47	8·12	6·77	5·41	5,000	250,000
Lombard N Cent 14-day(v)	9·53	9·98	9·98	8·56	7·13	5·70	2,500	—

INCOME BONDS

1-year Chase de Vere ..	10·00	10·00	10·00	8·57	7·14	5·71	1,000	—
2-year Liberty Life	9·25	9·25	9·25	8·35	7·46	6·56	1,000	—
3-year New Direction Fin.	9·20	9·20	9·20	8·28	7·36	6·40	—	—
4-year General Portfolio ..	9·40	9·40	9·40	8·28	7·36	6·44	—	—

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Exchequer 13¼ 1987	12·90	13·32	9·32	7·99	6·66	5·33	—	—
Treasury 13¼ 1997	11·60	11·94	8·36	7·16	5·97	4·78	—	—
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—	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	138	−2	10·0	7·2	—	—
2,605	Airsprung Group	45xd	−1	6·4	14·2	7·5	9·3
323	Armitage & Rhodes	97	+1	2·9	7·3	4·6	7·7
47,599	Bardon Hill	154xd	−4	4·0	2·6	19·5	20·5
3,320	Bray Technologies	64	—	5·9	6·1	7·2	8·0
567	CCL Ordinary	102	—	12·9	7·4	4·0	5·3
1,512	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	105	—	15·7	14·9	—	—
7,727	Carborundum Ord.	129	—	4·9	3·8	6·4	10·0
383	Carborundum 7·5 p.c. Pref.	84xd	—	10·7	12·7	—	—
3,080	Deborah Services	46	—	6·5	14·1	4·4	7·1
29,060	Frank Horsell	455	+117	1·4	0·3	11·6	14·9
—	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord. 87	369	+99	11·9	5·2	9·5	12·2
3,008	Frederick Parker	27	−1	—	—	—	—
7,180	George Blair	64	+1	—	—	4·5	8·6
812	Ind. Precision Castings	20	—	2·7	13·5	5·5	5·9
14,132	Isis Group	130	+5	15·0	8·3	7·1	12·9
5,572	Jackson Group	107	−1	5·5	5·1	7·2	7·2
31,085	James Burrough	250	−2	15·0	6·5	7·5	7·3
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16,496	Minthouse Holding N.V.	606	−8	6·0	1·1	26·6	25·2
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PENSIONS

Diana Wright gives some advice on creating an income from tax-free cash sums received on retirement.

HOLDERS of personal pension plans are allowed to take a good chunk of the fund they have built up — roughly a third — as a tax-free cash sum on retirement. Most do, despite the fact it means a lower pension as a result.

But what if the lower pension is too low for comfort; should you pass up the opportunity for the cash and take the full pension instead?

In nearly every case, the answer is no: take the cash. It can be invested in such a way as to produce a higher net income after tax than the whole pension itself would provide.

The precise rule on the cash sum is that it may not exceed "three-times the annual pension remaining." What happens in practice is that life insurance companies work out a theoretical figure on assumptions designed to provide the highest level of pension, based on a single life, payable yearly in arrears.

The size of the cash sum is based on this—and then the company will go back to work out the size of the pension on assumptions to fit the individual's actual case: for example, a joint life pension lasting until the second death, and payable monthly in advance.

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So, for example, if you have built up a £60,000 pension fund, you would on calculations provided by Standard Life be entitled to a pension of £5,029 a year (joint-life, monthly in advance) plus a cash sum of £20,038·21—rather more than three times the pension actually received, in other words.

A couple in this situation could instead opt for a "full" pension of £7,559 with no cash sum if they wished. But even supposing their need for the highest possible immediate income was paramount, by taking the cash sum and investing it in an ordinary annuity, they could sigificantly increase their net income by between £200 and £300 a year.

The example below assumes that the couple have no additional source of income other than the basic state old age pension, currently £57·30 a week for a married couple. In this situation, their total annual income is hovering round the band where age allowance, the extra personal allowance available to retired people, is progressively withdrawn.

In the first instance, the allowance is lost completely, because total income exceeds the top of the band. In the second, they manage to retain a portion of it, bringing the total extra to a touch under £300 a year.

The reason for this hinges on the way ordinary annuities work: for the purposes of tax, a part of the total payment counts as "return of capital" and is therefore out of the reckoning for income calculations.

If you are considering this route, it is wise to consult an insurance broker as rates for ordinary annuities differ widely amongst different life companies.

A couple aged 65 and 63 could currently obtain an extra £70 a year gross income from a £10,000 annuity, for example, by opting for the best paying company rather than the twentieth on the list.

Short of phoning round some 80 or 90 life companies to establish the best rates yourself, a broker is the only solution, as no one company is leader overall for all age groups and situations.

It should also be remembered that nearly all pension plans these days have an "open market option." This means that pensioners can take the whole accumulated pension fund away from the company they saved with to another to provide their pension.

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Exactly the same consideration applies here, though the company names at the top of the league table for pensions—such as Standard Life, Equitable life, Providence Capital, Eagle Star and Norwich Union—appear to remain fairly constant.

Opting for the highest immediate income is all very well, but it's a high risk move. Individuals who choose to do so may well feel they have no other option, but they are delaying, not avoiding, the situation of having too low an income to live on.

"You're burning your boats if you gear yourself up to receiving maximum income at any point in time," according to stockbroker Neil Stapley of Fielding, Newson-Smith. "You're leaving yourself no manoeuvrability."

Annuities are in fact a particularly inflexible option because part of the deal is that you hand over your capital irrevocably to the life company.

If you are still intent on obtaining a high income, but with the proviso that at least some cash might be around at the end of the day, an alternative, if unconventional, approach would be to consider buying a medium dated high yielding gilt standing above par. This way, you would get a high running yield—that is, annual income but would suffer some capital loss on maturity.

For example, Treasury 14½ p.c. 1996 currently offers a "running yield" of 12 p.c. and stands at 115. The income payments will be fixed for the lifetime of the gilt (unlike the currently higher yielding alternative of the National Savings Income Bond where interest is variable) but it does mean that for every £115 invested now, only £100 is returned on maturity.

Such a move is not really tax efficient as the income is fully taxable with no compensation for the capital loss—and it is certainly not an ideal way of coping with the problems of retirement income. But then, people do not always have the ideal means of tackling that problem, and neither wishful thinking nor tax efficiency will change that.

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Less tax at 30 p.c.		£2,125·02	£2,125·02
Total net income ...			£8,413·38

* Including some entitlement to age allowance.
Source: Standard Life.

LOWER PENSION OPTION

Reduced pension ...		£5,029·20	
plus			
State pension		£2,979·60	
plus			
Ordinary annuity Gross	£2,441·88		
less			
Capital element ...	£ 889·08		
Taxable element ...		£1,552·80	
Total income liable to tax		£9,561·60	£9,561·60
less			
Personal allowance*		£3,747·27	
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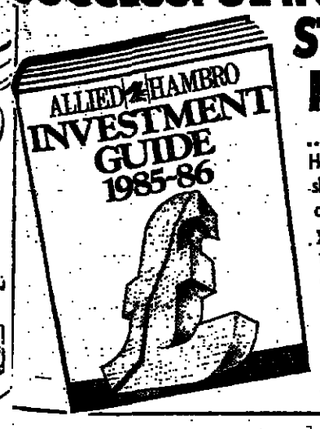

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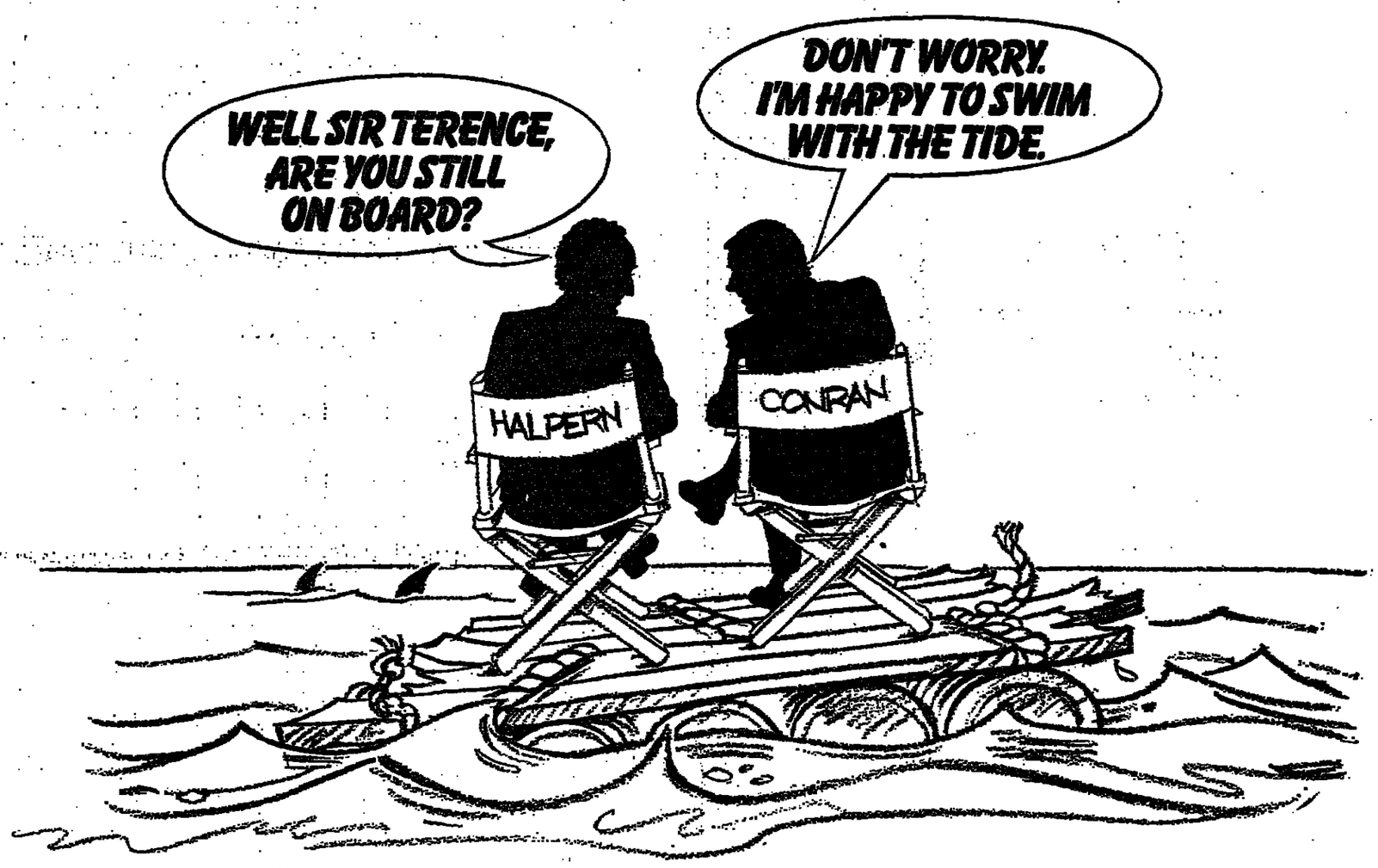

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173·6	152·5	Worldwide Bd.	143·6	152·8
Capital Growth				
169·9	126·2	Amer. Grth.	155·2	*165·5
54·6	43·2	Asian Pacific	46·1	49·1
85·8	78·1	Assets & Earnings	72·2	77·2
57·7	55·6	Capital Reserve	57·2	57·5
86·8	71·9	Comm. & Energy	67·5	72·6
135·6	107·1	General	101·5	110·1
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72·1	60·2	Japan Tst.	56·8	60·5
121·3	110·2	Pacific Tst.	111·2	*119·1
56·1	48·1	Smaller Sits. Tst.	53·6	55·4
216·0	176·5	Secs. of America Tst.	184·4	*195·5
160·0	150·6	Asset Value Tst.	152·8	*174·4
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70·4	57·1	High Income	55·0	58·8
138·0	124·8	High Income Accum	123·0	131·6
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BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO. LTD.
3 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh
031-225 2581

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
10·0	8·3	American	8·37	9·0
148·1	107·1	America	132·1	141·6
205·2	173·8	Technology	173·7	*185·5
125·5	105·0	Energy	107·7	114·8
163·9	146·3	Income Grth.	149·1	*155·5

BARCLAYS UNICORN LIMITED
252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB
01-534 5544

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
89·7	79·9	Unic. Amer.	81·5	87·4
166·1	134·8	Unic. Aust (Acc)	152·0	158·4
120·8	97·3	Unic Australia	96·8	*99·3
161·1	167·4	Unic Cap.	152·5	175·2
341·1	309·3	Unic Extmnt.	309·0	329·7
58·8	54·3	Unic Extra Inc.	54·2	57·7
99·3	109·3	Unic. Fin.	111·2	*119·1
215·3	190·1	Unic. 500	192·7	204·9
114·9	102·6	Unic. Gen.	104·8	110·6
51·1	61·2	Unic. Gilt & Fix. Int.	51·6	*54·0
117·1	95·8	Unic. Grtr. Pac. Acc	91·7	96·6
116·9	95·1	Unic. Grtr. Pac. Unit	91·5	96·5
150·5	130·2	Unic. Grth. Acc.	134·0	142·5
268·2	237·5	Unic. Inc.	241·7	256·8
116·5	101·4	Unic. Special Sits.	101·3	107·6
152·8	136·6	Unic. Spec.	137·1	145·7
91·5	82·6	Unic. Trust	84·8	*85·9
130·0	110·1	Unic. Worldwide	109·7	*116·1
305·4	295·5	Trust Inv. Fd. (Acc.)	296·9	277·0
176·8	161·8	Trust Inv. Fd. (Inc.)	157·0	165·0

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
P.O. Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9002

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·5	47·5	Overseas	44·6	47·7
53·5	46·5	Eastern	45·9	49·9
60·4	57·3	Europe	57·1	60·7
512·8	399·7	Growth & Inc Inc	406·9	434·6
757·8	715·7	Growth & Inc Acc	669·4	716·9
71·8	66·3	Fixed Japan	65·7	70·4
53·0	49·0	Japan Spec'ld	46·8	52·5
53·4	49·7	Japan Smaller	49·6	51·8

BARRINGTON MGMT. CO. LTD
59 Gresham Street, London EC2P 2DS
01-606 4433

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126·7	119·0	Gen Fd Inc.	113·8	120·8
157·6	155·9	Gen Fd Acc.	150·7	160·0
70·5	64·4	High Yield Fd Inc.	62·7	*66·3
131·8	119·1	High Yield Fd Acc.	116·1	122·7
314·5	284·8	Smaller Co's Fd Inc.	278·9	*296·8
364·4	311·5	Smaller Co's Fd Acc.	325·1	345·9
108·9	89·7	Pacific Fd Inc.	84·6	89·7
121·7	97·0	Pacific Fd Acc.	91·1	96·5
268·8	218·5	North Am. Fd Inc.	210·7	223·7
92·5	78·1	North Am. Fd Acc.	74·9	79·4
255·6	237·5	European Fd Inc.	237·8	252·7
371·4	347·5	European Fd Acc.	330·1	352·0
113·7	108·7	Gilt Yield Fd Inc.	107·9	110·1
124·5	115·1	Gilt Yield Fd Acc.	115·2	161·8
154·5	131·4	Japan Fd Inc.	133·2	139·4
154·5	130·9	Japan Fd Acc.	133·2	140·9

BISHOPSGATE PROGRESSIVE MANAGEMENT CO.
65 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1A 2DR
01-248 4080

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
77·2	62·9	Bishopsgate Prog.	73·0	77·1
104·6	81·0	Acc'd Gilts June 85	92·6	104·6
97·3	77·2	Bishop Inc. 2nd Jl.	87·4	93·8
111·7	97·2	Avenue 2nd July	102·5	111·7
108·4	97·1	Beckman 3rd July	100·1	107·4
106·7	99·2	Jan & Fov July 4	100·1	105·6
111·0	96·9	Avenue July 4	104·6	111·0

BRAWN UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
5 Giltspur Street, London EC1A 9DE
01-248 4400

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
115·0	97·0	General Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
60·3	50·0	Dividend Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
113·4	99·4	Intl Growth & Inc Fd	102·[illegible]	*106·5

BRIDGE FUND MNGRS (A) (C)
Regis House, King William St, E.C.4
01-623 4951

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
99·3	85·8	American Gen. Inc.	96·1	[illegible]
95·8	85·1	America Gen. Acc.	92·[illegible]	[illegible]
114·4	84·3	Japan Fund	99·[illegible]	[illegible]
11·6	9·7	Capital Inc.	10·[illegible]	10·8
16·6	13·7	Capital Acc.	15·[illegible]	16·8
266·5	236·0	Income	241·[illegible]	[illegible]
4·7	3·8	Intnl. Recovery Inc	3·[illegible]	3·4
5·2	3·9	Intnl. Recovery Acc	4·[illegible]	4·[illegible]

BRITANNIA GROUP OF UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED
Salisbury House, 29 Finsbury Circus, London EC2. 01-588 2777
Dealing 01-638 0479/0479

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
101·8	81·9	American Growth	95·6	98·[illegible]
61·7	54·5	American Income	53·7	56·[illegible]
35·2	32·2	American Smaller Co	32·[illegible]	34·[illegible]
87·1	79·8	American Special Sits	77·[illegible]	[illegible]
82·1	65·8	Australian Growth	65·[illegible]	67·[illegible]
163·9	141·4	Commodity Shares	141·[illegible]	150·8
34·7	27·5	European Trust	28·[illegible]	30·7
41·0	32·5	Income	36·[illegible]	39·8
68·9	57·3	Exempt Mkt Leaders	61·6	64·2
57·6	51·0	Extra Income	55·4	58·4
71·1	56·6	Far East	56·[illegible]	60·8
39·7	32·1	Financial Securities	34·9	36·[illegible]
37·5	25·6	Gilts	35·[illegible]	38·4
56·5	39·0	Gold & General	40·[illegible]	42·[illegible]
58·2	50·5	Growth Gilt	55·4	57·[illegible]
39·7	33·3	Hong Kong Port	37·[illegible]	39·8
165·3	136·5	Income & Growth	137·[illegible]	146·5
32·3	27·7	Intnl. Growth	27·[illegible]	29·[illegible]
14·1	11·2	Intnl. Leisure Mkt	11·[illegible]	12·[illegible]
46·2	35·5	Japan Performance	35·[illegible]	35·7
15·5	9·6	Japan Smaller Co's	9·[illegible]	9·6
112·8	99·7	National High Inc	98·[illegible]	104·8
19·3	17·8	Preference Shares	17·[illegible]	18·[illegible]
48·5	38·4	Property Shares	37·[illegible]	42·7
87·7	75·8	Recovery	75·[illegible]	82·7
137·7	108·2	Smaller Companies	112·9	122·6
63·9	53·1	Special Mkt. Sits	53·[illegible]	55·4
35·2	31·7	U.K. Growth	30·4	31·0
63·9	53·1	Universal Liners	55·1	56·2
54·8	40·1	World Technology	43·1	46·6

BROWN SHIPLEY & CO.
8-17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458744

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55·8	48·4	Brown Shipley Fund	47·[illegible]	48·[illegible]
6·8	6·0	Accum.	[illegible]	[illegible]
101·7	84·7	Gilt Inc.	96·1	100·7
145·7	126·2	Growth Acc.	125·[illegible]	132·4
10·9	7·9	Growth Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
58·5	48·4	High Inc.	47·[illegible]	49·[illegible]
61·7	55·3	Income Fund	55·4	58·8
62·2	51·7	North American	51·[illegible]	[illegible]
70·0	48·4	Orient Fund	47·[illegible]	51·[illegible]
80·2	65·7	Reserve	70·[illegible]	75·[illegible]
156·5	127·9	Technology Fund	119·7	131·4

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD.
The Stock Exchange, EC2P 2JT
01-588 2565

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
153·0	106·2	Buckmaster Intnl Fd	107·4	106·0
120·5	75·5	Buckmaster Inv. Fd.	75·4	80·[illegible]
17·6	12·1	Buckmaster Gen. Fd	15·[illegible]	16·[illegible]
41·0	30·5	Buckmaster Cap. Fd	38·1	*39·5

C & F UNIT MANAGERS LTD
123, High Holborn, London WC1 6PZ
01-242 1123

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	C & F Japan Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]
51·2	48·5	C & F Portfolio Inv Tst	48·2	*51·[illegible]

CANADA LIFE

1985 High	1985 Low	Name	Bid	Offer
67·2	60·2	Can. Life Gen. Dist.	67·1	61·7
146·2	134·7	Can. Life Gen. Acc.	132·8	139·8
65·0	60·6	Can. Life Inc. Dist.	61·8	65·0
120·8	116·3	Can. Life Inc. Acc.	120·9	127·2

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LIMITED
1, Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx.
HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
273·8	195·4	Income	265·2	*280·6
147·6	120·4	Far East	114·2	121·6
146·9	128·2	North American	125·1	132·3
262·1	213·7	Growth	231·2	*241·7

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
00·0	00·0	Deposit A	—	12·2
158·85	131·05	Investment	—	174·05
152·15	129·70	Fixed Int	—	145·15

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
77 London Wall, London EC2N 1DB
01-588 1815

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
00·0	00·0	Deposit A	—	12·2
292·07	230·73	Income	—	299·03
881·10	816·00	Accumulation	—	816·00

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS
77 New Street, London EC2M 4TP
01-283 1963.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
20·9	19·3	Gilt & Fix. Tst.	19·9	*20·3
44·0	40·7	High Income	39·4	41·1
44·0	38·5	Inc. & Grth.	37·5	39·1
49·8	38·9	General	39·0	41·8
72·8	59·3	International	63·4	67·9
59·1	52·1	Global	50·4	52·8
52·2	41·4	American	40·1	42·2
29·4	19·6	Australia	18·6	19·9
79·4	60·8	Japan	58·9	63·4

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TST MANAGERS LTD.
Narrow Plain, Bristol, BS2 0JH
(0272) 277718

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
82·2	78·2	General Equity	78·6	80·4
52·7	50·1	Equity High Inc.	50·7	*54·2
35·6	31·4	Gilt & Fixed Int Gwth	34·9	36·2
38·2	34·4	Indexed Bond	35·4	36·2

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT
170·8 165·2 Growth Fund 165·9 | 172·4

CONTINENTAL LIFE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.
64/70 High Street, Croydon CR0 9XN
0708 45322 (Lines 6 dealing)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
51·5	50·0	Growth Fd.	47·6	50·9

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
241·4	215·8	Capital Trust	207·0	221·2
56·9	49·4	Energy	47·1	50·1
134·3	128·4	Extra Income	129·1	138·1
109·8	91·0	Financial Trust	96·6	*102·7
54·3	51·2	Gilt Strategy	52·7	54·5
54·3	50·0	Global Income Trust	47·5	50·6
261·2	216·5	Growth Invest. Tst.	207·8	*222·0
31·4	28·2	Income & Growth Tst	27·2	31·5
81·4	78·4	Japanese Pac. Grth	76·8	81·4
104·2	97·4	North Am. Grth Tst	96·6	101·8
105·5	95·7	Recovery Trust	89·8	94·6
164·6	141·6	Smaller Companies	148·3	157·7

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking, GU21 1XW.
(048632) 24833

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
185·5	168·6	Crown High Inc. Tst	165·8	177·1
192·8	175·8	Crown Growth Trust	181·7	193·8
127·3	105·7	Crown American Tst.	111·8	*119·4

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD.
4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7JB
031-226 3492 (Dealing)

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
63·1	59·9	American Fd	62·7	69·2
71·5	65·7	Capital Fd.	66·4	70·4
115·0	99·9	Grwth & Inc Fd	98·1	104·9
62·3	61·8	High Dist Fd	61·1	65·7
135·6	157·7	Intn'l Fd	145·2	157·6
36·4	30·1	Ind Fd	31·6	33·3
26·8	20·8	Smaller Jap. Comps.	19·7	21·1
113·2	95·5	Tokyo Fd	91·4	97·7

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMIN LIMITED
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061-236 5685

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
311·0	269·3	Equitable Pelican	280·3	293·0
59·1	50·5	Far Eastern	48·1	51·3
52·6	48·5	Gilt & Fixed Int	47·8	50·8
58·9	52·3	High Income	53·8	57·3
63·5	50·7	North American	49·4	52·6
62·4	52·5	Special Sit.	54·5	57·6
54·9	51·6	Trust of Inv. Tst	50·7	54·0

EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MNGRS LTD
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1SD
0203 553331

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
124·8	114·7	C.R. Growth Tst. Acc.	110·8	117·8
111·6	103·2	C.R. Growth Tst. Inc.	98·1	105·4
181·5	158·2	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	165·6	175·5
168·8	153·7	Higher Inc. Tst. Inc.	141·4	150·4
91·1	84·5	Gilt & Fixed Int Acc.	84·1	89·1
80·5	75·3	Gilt & Fixed Int Inc.	69·5	80·5
150·0	134·7	North Am. Tst. Acc.	125·8	131·7
113·4	99·8	Far East Tst Acc.	85·8	91·2
91·5	84·4	Europe Tst. Acc.	85·7	88·4
205·3	185·2	General Tst.	177·7	189·9

ESG INVESTMENT MANAGERS, LTD.
190, West George St, Glasgow, G2 2PA
041-332 6462

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
254·5	180·7	Balanced Growth Fd	225·0	*250·0
39·1	25·0	Services Comps. Fd.	34·6	38·2

FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1DY
Dealing 0732 362222
Enquiries 0732 361144

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126·8	114·7	C.R. Growth Tst. Acc.	110·8	117·8
111·6	103·2	C.R. Growth Tst. Inc.	98·1	105·4
181·5	158·2	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	165·6	175·5
168·8	153·7	Higher Inc. Tst. Inc.	141·4	150·4
91·1	84·5	Gilt & Fixed Int Acc.	84·1	89·1
80·5	75·3	Gilt & Fixed Int Inc.	69·5	80·5
150·0	134·7	North Am. Tst. Acc.	125·8	131·7
113·4	99·8	Far East Tst Acc.	85·8	91·2
91·5	84·4	Europe Tst. Acc.	85·7	88·4
205·3	185·2	General Tst.	177·7	189·9

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Pitham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885855

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
110·1	102·9	First Int. Dist.	101·6	108·6
119·4	109·2	First Int. Acc.	110·1	116·4
175·8	158·8	Family Units Dist.	156·9	165·8
204·4	188·4	Equity Units Acc.	183·7	201·1
143·8	131·2	Stewardship Dist.	128·1	135·7
146·1	132·3	Stewardship Acc.	128·7	136·1

G & A TRUST

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
97·6	89·1	G & A	87·6	92·9

G.T. UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq., London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575. Dealing: 01-626 9431

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
157·4	136·1	G.T. European Fund	133·2	142·5
85·7	75·5	G.T. Far East Gen Fd	69·9	*74·8
69·4	61·4	G.T. Income Fund	59·5	63·7
125·8	105·9	G.T. International Fd.	101·1	108·2
115·1	113·7	G.T. Japan & Gen. Fd	122·9	140·1
105·7	99·5	G.T. Liquid Reserves	105·7	105·7
135·1	124·1	G.T. Pension Exempt	130·0	135·1
90·1	85·9	G.T. Tech & Growth Fd	85·2	89·9
65·2	58·9	G.T. U.K. Capital Acc.	57·7	60·9
59·1	47·1	G.T. U.K. & Gen. Fd.	52·0	55·5

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
25·1	20·4	American Trust	21·1	23·5
32·4	27·8	Australian Trust	27·4	29·5
49·0	41·1	British Trust	41·1	44·1
41·1	36·8	British Trust (Inc)	36·7	41·4
74·2	64·4	Commod. Share Tst.	62·[illegible]	64·4
38·7	27·5	European Trust	28·[illegible]	30·7
39·7	38·5	Extra Income Trust	38·1	38·5
84·6	79·8	Far Eastern Trust	78·9	84·[illegible]
38·7	35·8	Fixed Interest Trust	35·0	36·6
38·1	35·8	Gilt Trust	35·8	36·1
135·5	110·5	Global Fund (Acc.)	111·6	117·7
130·6	106·2	Global Fund (Inc.)	106·[illegible]	113·1
20·4	16·5	Gold Share Trust	15·6	16·[illegible]
110·2	102·9	High Income Trust	101·0	109·0
35·4	27·8	Home Income Trust	28·3	29·8
54·8	47·4	Income Fund	46·8	52·3
84·8	66·9	Japan Trust	69·7	71·8
42·0	35·8	Oil & Energy Trust	35·1	37·6
76·3	66·8	Special Sits. Trust	65·5	67·9
52·8	45·6	U.K. Small Co Rec Tst	44·5	47·8

JOHN GOVETT UNIT MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Winchester House, 77 London Wall
London EC2N 1DH. 01-588 5620

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
72·0	61·8	Intnl Grth Fd	68·9	69·9
70·3	55·0	Amer Grth Fd	63·5	67·7
74·1	60·9	Amer Inc Fd	63·5	67·5
117·1	101·3	Euro Grth Fd	108·3	115·2
63·5	62·1	Gold & Min Fd	61·8	*65·9
107·7	87·6	Japan Grth Fd	91·4	*97·2
72·5	61·1	Pacific Inc Fd	64·1	*67·7
75·6	59·7	U.K. Spec Opp Fd	64·1	69·1

GRANVILLE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
8, Laval Lane, EC3 8DT. 01-621 1212

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
53·4	50·0	Granville Capital	48·7	51·9

GRESHAM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
9/17 Perry Mount Rd., Haywards Heath
RH16 1TA. 0444 416057/2

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
100·0	100·0	Gresham Glbl Grwth	99·5	100·0
100·0	100·0	Gresham Income	99·5	100·0

GROUND MANAGERS LIMITED
Pearce Hall, 8/9 Austin Friars, London EC2N 2AE. 01-588 5317

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
89·2	70·7	American Tst	72·0	75·8
74·6	68·9	Equity Tst	68·8	72·5
65·4	59·7	European Tst	61·7	65·0
54·6	51·8	Gilt Tst	51·7	55·4
66·1	56·1	Japan Tst	62·1	65·4

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MANAGERS LIMITED
Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS
01-638 2020

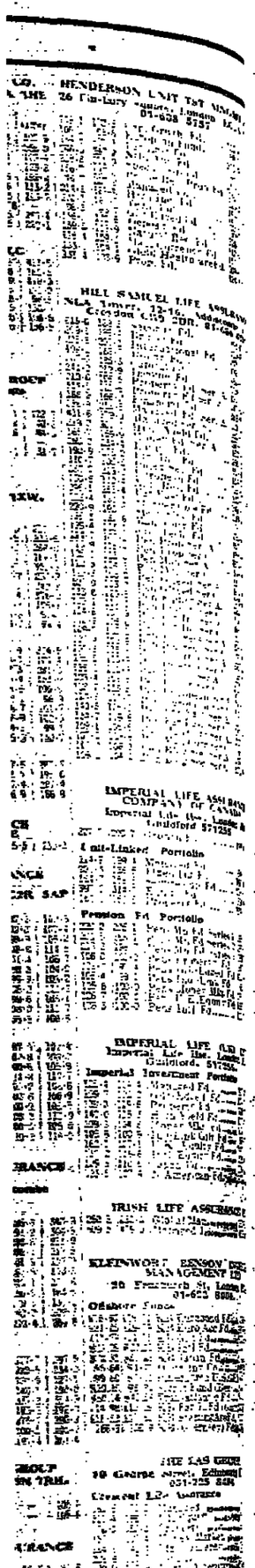
High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
255·9	220·7	Guardhill Tst.	215·[illegible]	227·5
118·0	111·5	Gilt & Fixed Int. Tst	111·[illegible]	117·[illegible]
173·[illegible]	152·6	Growth Equity Tst	145·[illegible]	[illegible]
189·9	178·4	North American Tst.	176·[illegible]	187·[illegible]
189·2	159·1	Pacific Tst	153·[illegible]	158·4
179·8	159·1	Smaller Co's Tst	157·[illegible]	167·[illegible]
170·2	151·4	Property Share Tst.	152·[illegible]	162·[illegible]
139·8	115·6	European Tst.	128·4	*134·4

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LIMITED
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 217816

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
51·7	48·4	HBL Canadian	43·6	46·4
69·5	59·8	HBL Equity Income	60·8	*24·7
61·2	58·6	HBL European	60·7	63·1
82·1	68·4	HBL Japan & Far E	64·4	68·5
69·5	57·5	HBL North Amer.	56·8	*60·6
67·6	53·6	HBL Scandinavian	53·9	54·0
84·1	76·3	HBL Smaller Co's	84·7	89·1

HENDERSON UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Premier U.T. Admin., 5 Rayleigh Rd., Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. 0277 217238

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer



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MASON 64 CUTS BALLESTEROS' LEAD TO ONE

By MICHAEL WILLIAMS in Paris

SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS dropped down a gear in the French Open Championship at St Germaine yesterday, a second round of 68 being almost mundane in comparison to his opening blitz of 62.

It was still good enough to keep the Spaniard at the head of the field, but it also gave others the opportunity to make up some ground, Carl Mason making the most of it with a 64 to close within a stroke of the lead.

Robert Lee, who enjoyed the best finish of his life last week by taking fourth place in Monte Carlo, had his second 66 of this championship for third place, while Sandy Lyle (64) and Sam Torrance (68) are also there or thereabouts.

From the moment Ballesteros missed a short putt for a birdie at the first hole he was never quite as on song as he had been the day before.

He did not bombard the flagsticks as he had in the first round and the three par fives, each of which he reached with two shots, were the only holes which were consistently vulnerable to his power.

Missed green

Two putts each time brought him three birdies but his only other one was at the seventh and that was cancelled out when he missed the green at the short 14th. This is the only green he has failed to find in the required number of strokes in two days.

Mason, playing right behind him, showed no indication of being tired, as he had said he was the previous afternoon. When playing well, as he is at the moment, Mason looks a class golfer.

Five birdies in the outward half put him through the turn in 30 and he finished strongly with two more birdies at the 17th and 18th, where a four iron was good enough to reach the green with his second shot at a hole measuring 448 yards.

Full of confidence

Lee, who has quite a reputation for mimicking other players' mannerisms, went another stage further in also mimicking their golf. His second 66 is the seventh time in his last eight rounds that he has broken 70.

As with Mason, confidence is counting for a lot. He is feeling capable of attacking every hole for if he does make a marginal mistake his game is still good enough to save par most of the time.

There were two holes yesterday when he dropped shots, but there were also seven birdies and if Lee is well pleased with his recent performances he also says that he has "felt it coming."

Par again held little respect for the field. This is not a demanding course for tournament professionals and some of the bunkering is very old-fashioned, the odd one being as close as 50 yards to the front of the tees.

Such are hardly likely to bother these players and it is extremely doubtful whether Lyle even noticed them, other than trying to avoid tripping over them.

Distant memory

In fact, Lyle had his best driving round of the year with a club he has recently acquired from Eamonn Darcy, the 90 he was about to score in the first round of the Irish Open before retiring is now but a distant memory.

In six rounds since Lyle is 16 under par and at one point yesterday he had four birdies in a row. His 29 putts on greens of encouraging medium pace was "a round par"

The scores

British unless stated

130—S. Ballesteros (Spain) 62, 68.
131—C. Mason 67, 64.
132—R. Lee 66, 66.
133—A. Russell (US) 67, 66; S. Lyle 69, 64; S. Torrance 65, 68.
134—J. Davila (Spain) 66, 68; T. Charnley 67, 67.
135—E. Romero (Argentina) 67, 68.
137—B. Smith (US) 68, 69; A. Stubbs 67, 70; B. Langer (W. Germany) 68, 69; I. Stephen (Australia) 69, 68; G. Ralph 69, 68; I. Woosnam 69, 68; M. Tapia (France) 68, 69; P. Senior (Australia) 65, 72; M. James 66, 71; I. Woosnam 68, 69; R. Rafferty 69, 68; N. Faldo 65, 72.
138—G. Brand, Snr. 67, 71; H. Clark 69, 69; G. Brand, Jnr 70, 68; B. Gallacher 70, 68; R. Fassanda (France) 70, 68; M. Fendarles (France) 69, 69; D. Llewellyn 70, 68.
OTHER BRITISH: 139—P. Easter 66, 73. 140—S. Marchbank 68, 71. 141—M. Roe 70, 71; J. Higgins 70, 71; C. Moody 70, 71; I. Young 73, 68; D. J. Russell 72, 69; A. Sherborne 70, 71. 142—D. Williams 72, 70; D. A. Russell 71, 71; B. Langmuir 71, 71; N. Mitchell 71, 71; M. Johnson 70, 72. 143—G. Smith 73, 70; B. Gannon 73, 70; D. Ray 71, 72; G. Davies 71, 72.

Carl Mason, who had seven birdies, at St Germain yesterday.

FIVE-UNDER NORMAN TIES FOR LEAD

GREG NORMAN, seeking to retain the Canadian Open, was joint leader after hitting a first round 67 on Thursday.

The Australian, who has not won on the PGA tour since his Canadian Open victory last year, tied for the lead on five under par with Jim Gallagher, one stroke ahead of Johnny Miller.

"I really putted well," Norman said. "I could feel the adrenalin flowing on some shots. It was a little like the feeling you get during the fourth round when you're in contention. That has been missing this year."

Bruce Lietzke, twice winner of the title, headed the list of six players on three under par 69. The others were Curtis Strange, Allen Miller, Bob Tway, Pat McGowan and Brett Upper.

Jack Nicklaus, who designed the Glen Abbey course, and lost by two strokes to Norman last year, was one of six players on 70.

67—G. Norman (Australia), J. Gallagher.
68—J. Miller.
69—C. Strange, B. Lietzke, P. McGowan, A. Miller, B. Upper, B. Tway.
70—J. Nicklaus, J. Colbert, P. Jacobsen, K. Green, W. Wood, D. Douglass.
Other scores: 74—P. Oosterhuis (GB), B. Cole (South Africa).

Junior Golf

NEW TENBY VOTE

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH Junior Holiday Golf Competition at Tenby will now be held on Wednesday, July 17 and not Friday, July 19 as previously published.

Rugby Union

COBNER STEPS DOWN

Terry Cobner, the Wales and British Lions flanker, has lost his place on the Wales selection panel, despite being drafted in to help coach John Bevan with team preparations last season.

Women's Golf

Reserve Swallow rescues England

By LEWINE MAIR in Stavanger, Norway

THOUGH England went through to the semi-finals of the European Women's Team Championship at Stavanger when they defeated Spain by 4½-2½, Ireland and Wales lost, respectively, to Sweden and Italy.

England's day did not go exactly to plan. Sue Moorcraft, who was down on the singles sheet handed in the night before, had an upset stomach and was in no state to take to the course.

Elizabeth Boatman, the English captain, brought in Carole Swallow, the reserve. She felt happy about slotting the youngster into Miss Moorcraft's fourth place in the singles line-up, but was told than any reserve would have to go out last.

So the English no longer had the comforting thought of having Jill Thornhill, the former British champion, as their anchorman.

Full points

They made a good start by taking full points from the morning foursimes, but in the afternoon things became tense when they were behind at the turn in four of the five singles.

Patricia Johnson, the English champion, eventually contrived to defeat Tania Abitol by 2 and 1. One more point was needed and, by then, there was only two possible sources—Linda Bayman and Miss Swallow.

Mrs Bayman, one up leaving the 17th green, drove into trees at the 18th and was brought back to level by the gifted little Maria Carmen Navarro, 14.

They were just about to set off down the 19th when news came that Miss Swallow, after an ominous mis-hit off the tee at the 14th, had made a birdie on the 16th to tie up her match with Sonia Wunsch.

Where England had gone out in the afternoon having bagged both of the ofursomes, Ireland and Wales each trailed 0-2.

Hourihane's victory

Claire Hourihane won the only Irish singles when she defeated the useful Jessica Posener 4 and 3.

Wales did a little better, with the plucky Vicki Thomas winning by two holes against Stefanie Croce and Karen Davies defeating Elena Girardi 3 and 2.

The details

ENGLAND ... 4½ SPAIN ... 2½
FOURSOMES.—L. Bayman & P. Johnson bt M. Orueta & T. Abitbol 4 & 3; J. Thornhill & C. Waite bt M. Navarro & M. Campamanes 5 & 2.
SINGLES.—Johnson bt T. Abitbol 2 & 1; Waite lost to Orueta 2 & 1; Bayman hlvd with Navarro; Thornhill lost to Campamanes 4 & 3; C. Swallow bt S. Wunsch 3 & 2.

SWEDEN ... 6 IRELAND ... 1
FOURSOMES.—A. Oxenstierna & C. Karlsson bt C. Hourihane & Y. McQuillan 2 holes; H. Alfredsson & E. Dahlos bt M. McKenna & M. Garner 3 & 2.
SINGLES.—Oxenstierna bt L. Behan 6 & 5; J. Tonner lost to Hourihane 4 & 3; S. Grosberg bt McKenna 2 holes; Dahlos bt Garner 1 hole; Alfredsson bt S. O'Brien Kenney 1 hole.

ITALY ... 4½ WALES ... 2½
FOURSOMES.—E. Brakio & S. Croce bt V. Thomas & N. Rawlings 1 up; S. Scarpa & E. Girardi bt H. Wadsworth & K. Davies 3 & 2.
SINGLES.—Croce lost to V. Thomas 2 holes; Scarpa bt Wadsworth 1 up; Brakio hlvd with Rawlings; Girardi lost to Davies 3 & 2; S. Soldi bt S. Thomas 3 & 2.

SWITZERLAND ... 4½ FRANCE ... 2½
FOURSOMES.—F. Stalbie & P. Ullmann bt M. Tava & C. Mourgue d'Algue 1 hole; E. Lautens & E. Orley bt V. Pamard & K. Espinasse 3 & 1.
SINGLES.—M. de Wolin lost to Tava 1 hole; O. Lautens lost to Pamard 1 hole; J. Orley bt Espinasse 3 & 2; Stalbie hlvd with C. Bourgier; E. Orley bt Mourgue d'Algue 4 & 3.

Cricket

BATTING TEST FOR ETON

ETON and Harrow meet for the 150th time today in the oldest Lord's fixture and both schools have impressive records this season, writes A. S. R. Winlaw.

Harrow have scored six victories against seven schools and are undefeated in 15 matches.

No schoolboy has scored more than 40 against them.

Pethers, fast-medium, comes to Lord's with 55 wickets (average 9·7) — requiring five to equal Tony Pigott's Harrow record in 1975.

Eton are also undefeated against schools and have been well served by their opening bowlers.

Eton.—*S. R. Gardiner, J. A. D. Carr, D. A. Clifton-Brown, F. N. Bowman-Shaw, J. B. A. Jenkins, *A. D. A. Zegerius, W. A. C. Fynn, J. D. Norman, C. R. Erith, N. J. Squire, T. R. Pearson.

Harrow.—*R. C. Wiltshire, H. M. Wells, J. J. Pethers, M. D. S. Raper, A. W. Sexton, G. G. Wood, R. A. Pyman, D. C. Manasseh, *H. A. Hills, D. B. M. Fox, M. R. Middleton.

TODAY'S CRICKET FIXTURES

11-6.30
TOUR MATCH
Chelmsford: Essex v Australians.
BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CH'SHIP
Swansea: Glamorgan v Notts.
Gloucester: Glos v Yorks.
Liverpool: Lancs v Hants.
Northampton: Northants v Middlesex.
Taunton: Somerset v Leics.
Oval: Surrey v Kent.
Hove: Sussex v Warwicks.
Worcester: Worcs v Derbys.
UNITED FRIENDLY INSURANCE COUNTY CH'SHIP
St Albans: Herts v Beds.
TOMORROW
TOUR MATCHES
Chelmsford. (11-6.30): Essex v Australians.
Buxton Wells. (12-7): Wales v Zimbabwe.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL LEAGUE (1.30-6.30)
Keyworley: Derby v Worcs.
Swansea: Glamorgan v Notts.
Gloucester: Glos v Yorks.
Old Trafford: Lancs v Hants.
Trent: Northants v Middlesex.
Taunton: Somerset v Leics.
Oval: Surrey v Kent.
Hove: Sussex v Warwicks.
UNITED FRIENDLY INSURANCE COUNTY CH'SHIP
Slough: Bucks v Shropshire.
Oxford: Oxfordshire v Cheshire.
Burghley Pk: Lincs v Durham.
St Albans: Herts v Beds.

SCHOOLS TOUR MATCH (Bristol). —Avon 191-8. Queensland & Dist (Australia) 192-6 (G. Maye 69, G. Cattley 49).

TOOGOOD TOILS IN VAIN

at Lord's

TORRENTIAL rain soon after 2 p.m. at Lord's yesterday ended the University Match in a draw with Cambridge, 141 for three in their second innings, still 89 runs behind Oxford.

Cambridge, who had started the day at 35 for two, needing another 195 runs to make Oxford bat again, produced their best effort of the match in the two-hour morning session and the 17 minutes' play before the downpour.

There was no further bowling success to add to the remarkable all-round performance of Toogood, who conceded 27 runs in his seven overs yesterday.

But Toogood secured another entry in the scorebook when Gorman hooked a simple catch off Rutnagur to square leg. His match analysis was 10 for 93 and his innings of 149 the highest for Oxford since F. S. Goldstein's 155 in 1968.

Roebuck dropped

Cambridge were 141 for three at the close with Lea again top scorer on 47 and Roebuck, the left-hander, 34. This pair had put on 45 and it looked as though Oxford were going to pay dearly for dropping Roebuck when he had scored nine.

After his escape Roebuck drove profitably off his legs while Lea played an invaluable innings of well-timed defence.

Rutnagur, the unlucky bowler when Roebuck was dropped, had earlier, with his accurate medium pace, taken the wicket of Gorman, the nightwatchman, at 96 for three.

Gorman had scored 43 runs and for 85 minutes his batting belied his lowly task, but he opened the innings with an average of 31·72 when captain of St Peter's York in 1983.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. — First Innings: 134 (Toogood 8-52).

Second Innings

A. E. Lea, not out	47
*C. R. Andrew, c Franks, b Toogood	12
D. J. Fell, lbw, b Toogood	0
S. R. Gorman, c Toogood, b Rutnagur	43
P. G. P. Roebuck, not out	34
Extras (b 2, lb 3)	5
Total (3 wkts)	141

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-34, 3-96.
Bowling: Thorne 9-3-14-0; Toogood 13-3-41-3; Quinlan 7-3-21-0; Rutnagur 13-2-35-1; Carr 11-5-25-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—First Innings: 364-6 dec (G. J. Toogood 149, J. D. Carr 84 not, A. J. T. Miller 78). Bowlers: B. Leadbeater & K. E. Palmer.

2ND XI COMPETITION

Oval: Middlesex 248 & 275-6 dec. (G. D. Rose 58 not, S. P. Hughes 53 not, A. R. Harwood 52); Surrey 266. Match drawn.
Ilford: Essex 300-85 & 186-6 dec. (D. R. Turner 53; M. Field-Buss 4-70); Essex 199 & 50-2. Match drawn.
Ellland: Warwicks 303-4 dec. & 208-4 dec (K. D. Smith 107, G. Lord 65); Yorks 284-9 & 228-9 (A. A. Metcalfe 52; W. Morton 5-95). Match drawn.
Dover: Kent 320-6 dec. & 197; Sussex 303-4 dec. & 217-6 (E. Gould 56; L. Potter 5-97). Sussex won by 4 wkts.
Leicester: Northants 182 & 226 (A. Fordham 58, T. Ritchie 56; F. De Freitas 6-56); Leics 248 & 161-4. Leics won by 6 wkts.
Pontardulais: Glamorgan 359-5 dec (I. A. Hopkins 121) & 237-6 dec (Maynard 71); Lancashire 248 (K. A. Hayes 67, S. J. Malone 4-54) & 324 (J. Stanworth 80, P. North 5 -89). Glamorgan won by 38 runs.
Kidderminster: Somerset 402-4 (S. Ferguson 153 not) & 162-5 dec (S. Kimber 4-61); Worcestershire 267 (H. Patel 68, P. Bent 68) & 169-5.

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Rugby Union

Weston to chair selectors' panel

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

MIKE WESTON has been named as the new chairman of England's selectors in succession to Derek Morgan with Martin Green, the coach, and Brian Ashton, the assistant coach, continuing duties undertaken during the recent tour of New Zealand.

These appointments, together with that of Des Seabrook as the England B and Under-23 coach, were announced during the R F U's annual meeting at the Hilton Hotel, London, last night.

Weston, a former Durham City and Richmond outside half and centre, played 29 times for England from 1960-68. Green, a schoolmaster at Warwick, formerly played flanker for Moseley and Cambridge.

Green takes on a demanding task but has made a fine start. Dick Greenwood, the previous coach for two years guided England to only four wins and a draw in 14 games.

A well attended, three-hour meeting at which Brig. Dennis Shuttleworth was welcomed as new president, placed support firmly behind the RFU. Two contentious motions, proposed by Yorkshire and Gloucestershire respectively, were soundly defeated.

Cast aside

Yorkshire's proposal that the "elitist and undemocratic" English merit table should be scrapped was cast aside by 462 votes to 287 and Gloucestershire's proposal that the new Divisional championship would be abandoned was beaten by 423 votes to 321.

Within minutes, the organisers of the English merit tables announced that Courage Ltd. will sponsor the tables for an initial three-year period. They will provide £80,000 in the first season and donate another £10,000 to the RFU. The competition will be known as the "John Smith's Merit Tables."

JOHN PLAYER CUP.—1st rd: Sept. 28: North: Morley v Wakefield; Tynedale v Luzum; Sheffield v Vale of Lune, Aspatria v Wolver. Midlands: Nuneaton v Lichfield; Peterborough v Loughborough Students; Evesham v Bedford; Stourbridge v Broughton Park; Matlock v Barkers' Butts.
London: Chelmsford v Askeans; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Southend; Saracens v North Walsham; Havant v Guildford & Godalming; Met. Police v Staines or Richmond or Old Gaytonians v London Irish; Maidstone v Lewes. South-West: St Ives v Bridgwater; Bletchley v Maidenhead; Berry Hill v Bournemouth; Old Redcliffians v Coney Hill; Gloucester v Exeter University.

WELSH SELECTORS

Derek Quinnell, the former British Lion forward from Llanelli and Tony Gray, of London Welsh, have been appointed as Welsh selectors for next season. They replace Clive Rowlands (Pontypool), who retired earlier this year, and Terry Cobner, who lost his seat.

DEATH AT 83 OF MARK COWLISHAW

By CHRIS MOORE

MARK COWLISHAW, who has died at Chertsey aged 83, was one of the most influential figures in the growth of international hockey.

He was honorary secretary of the International Rules Board for 32 years and umpired at three successive Olympic Games in London, Helsinki and Melbourne.

Born in Wakefield, he played for the Sandal Hockey Club. Although he did not achieve any great distinction as a player, he quickly established himself as an administrator, and became one of the outstanding umpires of his day.

Major role

During the immediate post-war period he played a major role in guiding the game into a new era. He was also one of the small group which negotiated Great Britain's membership of the International Hockey Federation.

Mark Cowlishaw was a vice-president of the International Hockey Federation and remained active in its affairs until recently. He was the first English official to receive a Federation's Award of Merit.

PROF. BOSTON DIES AT 65

By BILL MEREDITH

Stephen Charles Boston, one of the great names in British fencing, died yesterday at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, aged 65.

Professor Boston started his own Salle in Lambeth, South London, in 1960 and steered many top-class fencers to world recognition.

He died on the first day of the World Championships in Barcelona, and one contestant who will remember him well is Kim Cecil, who is fencing in the women's foil.

Miss Cecil visited the Professor in hospital only a few weeks ago to tell him she had been selected for Barcelona. He was thrilled, of course.

In his early days Boston was a champion at epee and sabre—and then devoted his life to training champions.

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Lawn Tennis Championships

CONNORS FAILS TO WEATHER CURREN STORM

By JOHN PARSONS

ON the day of the massive thunderstorm, Kevin Curren proved that lightning can strike twice by ruthlessly overpowering former champion Jimmy Connors yesterday to reach the Wimbledon final.

Curren's opponent in tomorrow's climax to the 109th year of the championships is still in doubt, however. Boris Becker, the youngest semi-finalist, and Anders Jarryd, the least heralded, were excitingly level at one set all and 1—1 in the third when further rain stopped play.

Their match will resume at 12 noon today and, if the tension and passion of their 58-minute second set is any guide, may well delay the start of the women's singles final, which remains scheduled for 2 p.m. — and not any earlier.

Meanwhile Curren, who was runner-up in the Australian Open last December, the last Grand Slam event on grass, but has collected only one title so far this year, was left celebrating the finest day of his career.

Fading game

Less than 48 hours after he had so comprehensively taken John McEnroe's currently fading game apart, Curren repealed his 1985 fourth round defeat of Connors, who was then the champion, only this time ever more decisively.

Then, during four sets, Curren thundered down 33 aces. This score line of 6-2, 6-2, 6-1 not only meant that the number of sets was reduced but there were fewer games within them as well.

Connors' defeat means that for the first time since 1976, which was the first year of Bjorn Borg's triumphs, neither a former champion, nor one of the top four seeds can win this year's title.

Indeed if Jarryd should eventually succumb to the growing aggression and arrogance which Becker was displaying last night, there will even be the possibility of the first unseeded winner.

A disillusioned Connors said: "He played well and I've played better, but on his serve he controls the tempo."

Curren, who served even better than he had against McEnroe partly through necessity because he realised that after the rain the air would be humid and the ball heavy, played with great guile as well as strength.

The last-minute snap in his wrist as he delivers his serve not only gives it an extra zip but can also make it inordinately difficult for opponents to read. Time and again Connors could do little more than guess—and hope.

Curren is coached by the Australian Warren Jacques, just as he was in 1983, when he reached the semi-final and went out in one of Wimbledon's most memorable contests to the unseeded Chris Lewis.

Ironically, towards the end of last year Jacques was talking about cutting down his world-wide travelling, settling in England and hoping for a post somewhere in British tennis.

Grounds awash

The Connors-Curren match was delayed by almost 90 minutes after a spectacular storm which left much of S.W.19, including the All England Club grounds, awash, though happily not the Centre Court. That had been covered five minutes before the deluge began.

For Connors, however, who later simply changed the second word in one of his favourite phrases to talk about "a bad day at the office," it was as if the storm had never abated.

The swashbuckling former champion, who is still generally acknowledged to possess the best return of service in tennis, simply could not cope with Curren's vicious serving or, for that matter, many of his service returns.

He managed only one more game than in the drubbing he suffered at the hands of John McEnroe in last year's final.

Principal source

"He just throws the ball up like Roscoe Tanner used to do and then goes boom, boom, boom, all the time, and when he's hot, he's hot," was the verdict of Connors, who only once went remotely close to undermining this principal source of Curren's power.

That was in the third game, when the 1974 and 1982 champion managed to hold a break point for the first and last time, but Curren, who had hit one ace and three service winners in his opening game, responded with another ace and two more unreturnable serves.

Curren, who has been broken just once so far in 19 sets spanning six matches, slips in the occasional sharply-spun serve among the pounding ones, and long before the final set Connors was suffering just as great a humiliation as McEnroe before him.

More often than not it was all Connors could do to lunge and place his racket in the way of the Curren serves, an dthe wayward game he played to lose the opening set, when once again his notoriously vulnerable forehand let him down, did nothing for his confidence.

Overall supremacy

Indeed, as if to emphasise his overall supremacy, Curren not only hit at least one ace in 10 of his 12 service games but conveniently broke Connors in such a way that he then had the psychological advantage of serving first in every set.

What few chances Connors created for himself he generally failed to accept and, although there were a few flourishes to remaind us of his great past, they were not really significant winners came on points which.

Too many of the Connors meant they merely delayed, rather than diverted, the passage of the match, such as in the third game of the second set.

Curren reached 40-0, was checked by two superb efforts by Connors, but then struck his ninth ace to win the game.

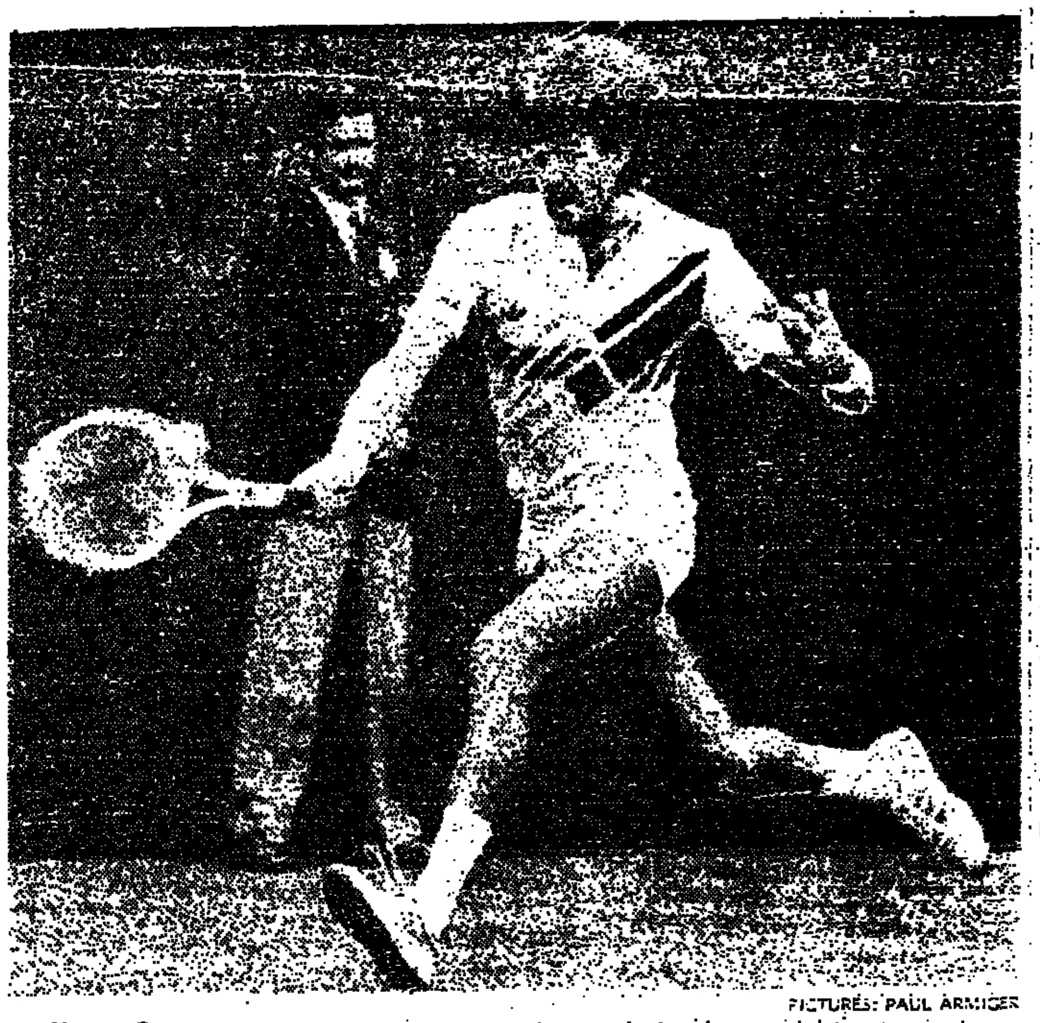
Three aces

It was from then on that Curren's supremacy became even more marked. He broke in in the fourth by coolly picking his spot for passing winners, then helr for 4-1 with three successive aces and a perfect drop shot.

By the end of the second set it was Curren, rather than Connors, who was really "smiking" as Jimmy likes to say, and the veteran's fist-clenching sign of agression to drive himself still harder clearly revealed their contrasting emotions.

Though Curren had taken a couple heavy falls towards the end of the second set when forced to chase the recaining areas of lush grass well behind the baseline, they did not impede his progress.

In the final set he raced to 5-0 beforae Connors even salvaged a game, buthen Curren provided the appropriate finale by moving to match point with three more of his stunning aces and clinching his greatest triumph so far with a firmly-directed smash.



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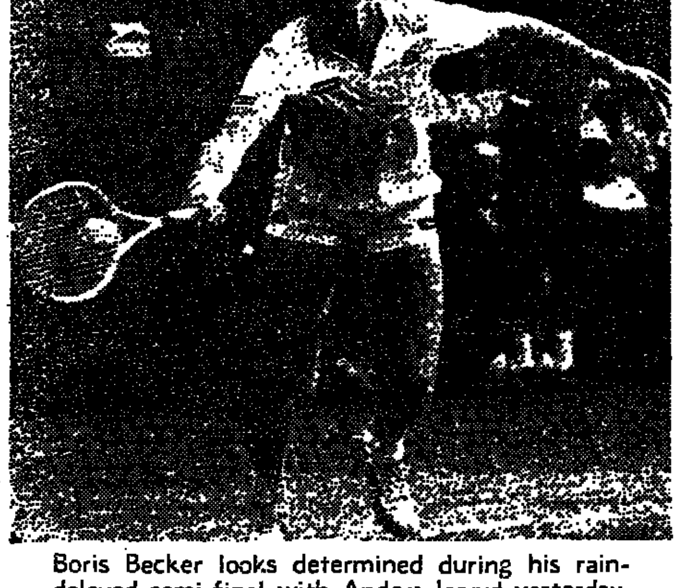
Kevin Curren races to make a forehand pass during his straight sets semi-final victory against fellow-American Jimmy Connors.



Boris Becker looks determined during his rain-delayed semi-final with Anders Jarryd yesterday.

Battling Becker held up by rain

THE exuberant Boris Becker was just beginning to establish his control when the elements intervened and interrupted his exciting semi-final with Sweden's Anders Jarryd on the Centre Court last night, writes **John Parsons.**

Jarryd, the fifth seed, serving and returning with exceptional efficiency, looked well in command as he took the first set 6-2 in 32 minutes.

Yet as the pace and the entertainment quickened in the second set Becker, having been pulled back from 4-2 to 4-4, levelled the match in a thrilling tie break during which he took six successive points from 1-3.

After holding the first game of the third set, which Becker began with his fifth ace but then his seventh double fault, the est German, striving to become the second unseeded finalist in three years, called for the Association Tennis Professionals' trainer, Bill Norris.

Stomach upset

He was anxious for tablets to deal with a stomach upset which was apparently affecting his vision.

Before they arrived, however, Jarryd, who had demanded of umpire Mike Lugg during the brief delay: "What's the problem? I want to know," held his serve to make it 1-1 and then the rain came.

Jarryd has had a magnificent Wimbledon. A player who has lost in the first round in four previous years has suddenly discovered great grass court awareness and confidence.

Against Becker he made the best possible start. He broke the youngster's first service game and continued to hit flashing two-handed backhand service returns with considerable skill and flair during the rest of the set.

Change of mood

In addition Jarryd's spin serves were often pulling Becker wide and then leaving him wide open to be passed, whereas the youngster was struggling to find any comfort from his own serve, which had exploded so profitably against Joakim Nystrom, Tim Mayotte and Henri Leconte.

When Jarryd broke back to 4-4 in the second set on Becker's sixth double fault it looked as if experience might bring an early end.

Two games later, however, when facing two set points, Becker managed to produce his first ace of the match and his whole mood changed.

Although he let a Jarryd return go which then fell on the baseline to make it set point a second time, Becker was still unruffled.

As fearless as ever he saved the point with a crosscourt forehand volley while in the tie break, after trailing 1-3, he responded with some of his most arrogant shots of the match.

Prospects near and distant

Wimbledon, Henley and Trent Bridge Test prospects hold centre stage this weekend, but behind the scenes issues are also coming to a head in securing England's winter cricket tour to the West Indies.

In tomorrow's SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, TONY LEWIS reveals the latest developments on the Caribbean front, while studying how the Botham factor could affect selectors' thinking for the third encounter of the Australian series.

At Wimbledon, JOHN PARSONS reports the outcome of the classic Navratilova-Lloyd women's final and looks for a winner of the men's title tomorrow.

At Henley, GEOFFREY PAGE follows the third day's action at the Royal Regatta.

Resolute Lloyd pursues her Grand Slam dream

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA and Chris Lloyd, the champions the seeding committee felt it was unfair to separate at the start of the championships, will battle for supremacy in today's Wimbledon final, writes **John Parsons.**

It will be their 66th meeting and possibly one of their tightest, as Mrs Lloyd resolutely prepares to defend, as only she can, an enticing Grand Slam dream and, at the same time, level the scores between them at 33 wins each.

For all the outward confidence both these magnificent competitors will be keen to radiate, inwardly there will be a degree of apprehension.

Psychologically, Mrs Lloyd could argue that she has the edge, as she triumphed in their last significant, indeed classic confrontation, in Paris exactly four weeks ago.

0-4 record

Against that, Mrs Lloyd, the winner in 1974, 1976 and 1981, cannot ignore a 0-4 record in Wimbledon finals against Miss Navratilova.

Miss Navratilova knows that, on grass, she has "much more of a chance to do what I want" but, deep in the back of her mind, she knows the surface in Paris had little to do with her initial serving and volleying errors.

Since then, the world champion—although no longer No. 1 in the world rankings—has been working hard with his coach, Mike Estep, to rehabilitate her serve, mostly to good effect.

However, both at Eastbourne and at Wimbledon, she has not sustained her supremacy in the way one has come to expect.

On the other hand, having been able to lift her game into higher gear when pushed, in particular by Bettina Bunge, Pam Shriver and Zina Garrison, that should prove beneficial to Miss Navratilova today when the pressures build again.

Mrs Lloyd is certainly hitting the ball harder and with greater resolution and confidence than in the last two years. Indeed, since Wimbledon last year, there has been a naticeable rejuvenation in her tennis, especially at Grand Slam events.

The manner in which she clung on to win in Paris, even when Miss Navratilova appeared to have the final set under control, typified the intense discipline stemming from equally intense training which offers such a shining example to others.

Looking ahead to what must be one of the last chapters in a saga which spans 13 years, Mrs Lloyd said: "I've had two or three more losses this year but I've been taking a few more chances.

'Very close'

"Overall, I'm playing my best, maybe because I know I'm not going to be playing for five or 10 more years.

"If I don't stop this year, maybe I'll play one more year, but it is nearing the end and I feel more eager because of it. I know Martina and I are very close and it might come down to who is having her day."

How true. The odds still favour Miss Navratilova, though only just, and no-one, least of all the seeding committee, will really be surprised whichever way it goes.

The principal hope is that, as in Paris, these two still unrivalled leaders in women's tennis, will produce a match of high quality and excitement worthy of the occasion.

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PARTNERSHIP 109 NOT OUT

Martina Navratilova and Pam Shriver moved purposefully into the women's doubles semi-finals at Wimleldon yesterday, taking the most successful partnership in present-day lawn tennis an important step nearer to history, writes **Roger Malone.**

Between 1919-1923 the famous Frenchwoman Suzanne Lenglen linked with Elizabeth Ryan of the United States in winning five successive Wimbledon doubles titles. That is the record Miss Navratilova and Miss Shriver appear certain to equal this weekend.

Yesterday's win, by 6-4, 6-2 over Hanna Mandlikova and Wendy Turnbull took the naturalised American and her partner from Maryland to an incredible 109th successive victory around the world during the past two and a half years.

They appear unbeatable, as long as they retain their desire. Yesterday their engine spluttered at the start, with Miss Navratilova's strokes slightly off-key, having two break points against her first service game.

Strong servers

Yet the engine is so well designed—two strong servers, both tall, strong overhead and outstanding volleyers—that it quickly coped with this problem, and any others which arose. When they step on the accelerator, the opposition is left standing.

When Miss Navratilova got her big returns warmed up and Miss Shriver began to get up on her toes and drive downwards the sort of shots which most other women could only hit flat, the opposition were on their way out.

The breakthrough in the first set came against Miss Turnbull's service in the seventh game, and in the second set Miss Mandlikova, who had begun the match serving quite beautifully, was broken for a 2-3 deficit which became 2-5 when her partner was broken again.

Gunthardt & Taroczy within ace of 'semis'

By ROGER MALONE

HEINZ GUNTHARDT, who skis down Swiss mountains in his leisure time, is proving he can climb them too, in a lawn tennis sense, at Wimbledon.

Having excelled, unseeded, in reaching the singles quarter finals before suffering defeat, he combined yesterday with Balazs Taroczy to reach the brink of the doubles final.

Before rain ended play on No. 1 court, the Swiss-Hungarian partnership stood one game from semi-final victory over past-champions Peter MmNamara and Paul McNamee, at 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, 5-4, with Taroczy's service to come today.

Again the winners of the previous evenings's marathon 24-22 final set, in a five hour victory, had profited from Gunthardt's all-court fluency and Taroczy's cunning at the net.

Meanwhile on No. 2 court, John McEnroe and Peter Fleming lost the first set 7-6, to Pat Cash and John Fitzgerald, before the American holders recovered to take a 5-2 lead in the second set before play was suspended.

McEnroe did the sport's image no good by getting into a shouting match with a spectator during the first-set tie-break.

McEnroe, after complaining vehemently to the umpire about a service-line decision in the solitary set-point which got away from his partnership, heard a critical call from the gallery. He proceeded to rant in that direction as well, before stalking off to resume play.

LLOYD PRAISES OFFICIALS

CHRIS LLOYD congratulated Wimbledon's umpires and linesmen yesterday for "the outstanding officiating in our championship matches."

Mrs Lloyd, president of the Women's Tennis Association, wrote to Championship referee Alan Mills: "In spite of the bad weather during the first week, all the officials rose to the challenge and performed extremely well."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

MEN'S SINGLES — Semi-finals

Seeded players in capitals

HOLDER: J. P. McEnroe (U.S.)

K. CURREN (U.S.) bt J. S. CONNORS (U.S.) 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

A. JARRYD (Sweden) v B. Becker (W. Germany), 6-2, 6-7, 1-1 (to finish).

MEN'S DOUBLES — Semi-finals

HOLDERS: P. Fleming & J. P. McEnroe (U.S.)

P. CASH & J. B. FITZGERALD (Australia) lead P. FLEMING & J. P. McENROE (U.S.) 7-6, 2-5 (to finish).

H. P. GUENTHARDT (Switzerland) & B. TAROCZY (Hungary) lead P. McNamara & P. McNamee (Australia), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2, 5-4 (to finish).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — Semi-finals

HOLDERS: M. Navratilova & P. H. Shriver (U.S.)

M. NAVRATILOVA & P. H. SHRIVER (U.S.) bt H. MANDLIKOVA (Czechoslovakia) & W. M. TURNBULL (Australia) 6-4, 6-2.

C. KHODE-KILSCH (W. Germany) & H. SUKOVA (Czechoslovakia) lead K. JORDAN (U.S.) & P. D. SMYLIE (Australia) 7-5, 0-1 (to finish).

MIXED DOUBLES — Third Round

HOLDERS: J. M. Lloyd (G.B.) & Miss W. M. Turnbull (Australia)

A. Cammsira & A. E. Smith (U.S.) lead S. B. DENTON (U.S.) & J. M. Durie (G.B.) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (to finish).

BOWLS

E.B.A. NatWest National Two Fours, 3rd Rnd: Gosforth Central 35, Summerhill B 48—Tiverton Park 35, Crediton B 43—Beacon Down B 25, Totteil 36—Droitwich Spa B 41, Worcester A 22—County Arts A 38, Wymondham Dell A 39—Wymondham Dell B 38, Wymondham Dell C 43—Rushden Town A 28, Wellingborough C 42—Oundle B 30, Kettering W M C 49—Bristol B 43, Clevedon C 35—Mid-Surrey C 45, Andre 26—Ashtead 29, Croydon C 57—Cranleigh R B L A 46, Guildford 28—Weybridge 35, Chertsey 37.

CYCLING

COLORADO SPRINGS.—200m: L. Hesslich (E. Germany), 10·13sec. (World-rec.).

Tour de France

PATIENCE PAYS FOR WIJNANTS

By PHIL LIGGETT in Nancy

LUDWIG WIJNANTS, 29, from Antwerp, celebrated his birthday one day late in the Tour de France when he broke away near the end of the seventh stage from Rheims to Nancy to win alone yesterday.

Wijnants, riding his fourth Tour, won his first ever stage by outwitting the leading group of five as the race crossed Nancy itself before finishing the 135 miles on a one-mile climb above the city.

The main field containing all the favourites finished seconds later.

"Myself and my brother Jan have tried every day to win a stage, but the field has always been vigilant. I had the advantage of knowing the finish from 1982, so I tried again today and it worked," said Wijnants.

Overall, the race was affected little and possible final winners Luis Herrera from Colombia and Peter Winnen, who both started the final attack with six miles left, gained only a few seconds when they finished second and third.

Sean Kelly, the battling Irishman who enjoyed mixed fortunes this week, finished seventh, but of greater importance was the 32 seconds he won during the day in time bonuses and this moved him up to fifth overall.

Kelly, relegated to the back of the field on Thursday when he clashed with Erik Vanderaerden in the final sprint at Rheims, today faces his toughest test in a 47-miles individual time trial.

After this he will know whether to concentrate on winning the race overall on time or revert to chasing the green jersey of points champion.

Points alternative

"It depends how well I race at the time trial," said Kelly, "and if I lose too much time then I will know that I can't win the Tour, so then I must try for the points victory."

Before the men arrived yesterday the women's second Tour de France ended its fifth stage of 62 miles from Ligny-en-Barrois with a lone win for Josiane Vanhuisse, the Belgian champion.

SEVENTH STAGE (135 miles).—1, L. Wijnants (Belgium) 5hr 55min 6sec; 2, L. Herrera (Colombia) 3 sec. behind; 3, P. Winnen (Holland) same time; 4, W. Van Evnde (Belgium) 8 sec; 5, S. Van Brabant (Belgium) 9 sec; 6, J. Gaston (Spain) same time; 7, S. Kelly (Ireland) same time; 17, M. Earley (Ireland) 9 sec behind; 26, S. Roche (Ireland) same time; 41, P. Sherwen (GB) same time; 156, S. Yates (GB) same time; R. Millar (GB) same time; 165.

OVERALL — 1, R. Andersen (Denmark) 40hr 05min 0sec; 2, E. Vanderaerden (Belgium) 40 sec behind; 3, G. Lemond (U.S.) 1:05; 4, B. Hinault (France) 1:07; 5, S. Kelly (Ireland) 1:09; 6, S. Bauer (Canada) 1:18; 8, R. Millar (GB) 2:18; 17.

WOMEN — 5th Stage (62 miles): 1, J. Vanhuysse (Belgium) 2hr 33 min 59 sec; 2, J. Longo (France) 14 sec behind; 3, G. Fleerackers (Belgium) same time; 4, V. Simonnet (France) same time; 5, M. Canins (Italy) same time; British: M. Jones 14 sec behind; 12, M. Blower same time; 15, J. Painter 25 sec; 18, C. Swinnerton 30 sec; 29, L. Gornall same time; 31, P. Strong 1:25; 62.

OVERALL: 1, J. Longo (France) 10 hr 23 min 35 sec; 2, M. Canins (Italy) 32 sec behind; 3, V. Simonnet (France) 48 sec; 4, R. Hage (Holland) 1:07; 5, M. Jones (GB) 1:14. British: M. Blower 2:40 behind; 19, J. Painter 2:53; 25, L. Gornall 3:10; 31, C. Swinnerton 3:20; 37, P. Strong 4:39; 55.

TODAY.—Men: Stage 8, Sarrebourg-Strasbourg, individual time trial, 47 miles. Women: Stage 6, Sarrebourg-Strasbourg, road race, 47 miles.

MILK RACE BOOST

The National Dairy Council, who are withdrawing from soccer's Milk Cup after next season, will continue to sponsor the Milk Race, Britain's premier cycle event. They were pleased with the success of this year's race.

CROQUET

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON T'MENT.—Colman Cup, Draw, Semi-final: J. O. Walters bt M. G. Tomokin-on —17. Process, 3rd: Walters bt P. D. B. West —10; T. D. Harrison bt G. C. Shergold +5; N. G. Hyne bt J. S. Kos +19.

Longman Cup, Process, 3rd Rd: P. Grego bt D. G. Palmer +1 (t); Mrs C. Regnall w.o., opp. scr.; R. H. C. Carder bt P. K. L. Danks +1 (t); R. S. Stevens bt R. W. Newnham +11 (t).

OLIVER BOWL, Semi-finals: J. C. +1 (t); J. A. Short (7) bt N. G. Rathorley (7½) bt M. A. Holford (2½) Hyne (1) +25.

MODERN PENTATHLON

INT'NAL T'MENT (Gottingen, W. Germany).—Riding: S. Gabne (Sweden) 1,100 pts, 1; E. Johansson (Sweden) 1,100, 2; M. Torma (Finland) 1,098, 3. British: S. Parker 1,040, 14; V. Sowerby 1,004, 23; W. Norman 864, 35. Overall (after 2 events): M. Jedlewska (Poland) 2,040, 1; P. Savarre (Denmark) 2,026 pts, 2; J. Gyr (France) 2,014, 3. British: Sowerby 1,850, 15; Parker 1,870, 16; Norman 1,798, 17; T. Purton 1,606, 30.

YACHTING

WORLD FLYING DUTCHMAN CH'SHIP (Italy): 2nd race: 1, Diesch & E. Diesch. Overall: Diesch & Diesch.

SNOOKER

WINFIELD AUSTRALIAN MASTERS (Sydney).—1st Rd: J. Virgo (England) bt A. Knowles England 4-1. Frames: 124-7, 127-0, 28-67, 80-25, 84-8; T. Meo (England) bt W. King 4-1. Frames: 57-68, 80-17, 68-29, 73-21, 83-23.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LGE.—Oakland 3, Toronto 2—California 5, Boston 4—Texas 4, Detroit 1—New York Yankees 3, Minnesota 2—Baltimore 5, Kansas City 3—Seattle 7, Milwaukee 1—Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 0.

NATIONAL LGE.—New York Mets 16, Atlanta 13—St Louis 5, Los Angeles 2—San Diego 9, Pittsburgh 1—Montreal 9, Houston 0—San Francisco 6, Chicago Cubs 4—Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 1.

LAST NIGHT'S RACING

BEVERLEY

6.45 (1¼m h'cap): Laktas (A. Murray, 11-2) 1; Fast Dealer (2-1F) 2; Trerew (10-1) 3. 12 ran. 4l, 3½l. (J. Fitzgerald). Tote: Win, £5·30; places, £2·20, £1·50, £3·40. Dual F'cast: £11·00. SPSF: £15·98. Tricast: £94·07.

7.10 (5f): Falling Feather (P. Eddery, 1-2F) 1; Broadhurst (6-1) 2; Panova (8-1) 3. 8 ran. Nk, 1½l. (B. Hanbury). Tote: Win, £1·50; places, £1·10, £1·20, £1·20. Dual F'cast: £2·50. SPSF: £4·19.

7.35 (1m h'cap): Paris Match (P. Eddery, 5-2F) 1; Empashere (7-1) 2; Hopeful Heights (25-1) 3. 10 ran. 1l, 1l. (M. Stoute). Tote: Win, £3·80; places, £1·40, £2·40, £3·60. Dual F'cast: £17·00. SPSF: £19·33. Tricast: £313·13.

8.5 (1½m): Ecuachon (T. Ives, 12-1) 1; Variety Act (3-4F) 2; Nostizia (6-4) 3. 10 ran. Sh hd, 3½l. (C. Brittain). Tote: Win, £9·80; places, £2·10, £1·10, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £8·10. SPSF: £23·77. NRs: Genaro & Middle.

8.35 (7f): Aubasl (A. Murray, 5-2) 1; Rainbow Delight (16-1) 2; Pleasing Prospect (12-1) 3. 10 ran. Mount Dominion 3F. 3l, hd. (H T. Jones.) Tote: Win, £5·10; places, £1·10, £2·60, £1·80. Dual F'cast: £21·10. SPSF: £35·46.

9.5 (1 m h'cap): Rockney Blue (E. Guest, 6-1) 1; Dashing Light (5-1) 2; Thatchinsis (10-1) 3. 14 ran. Elarim 7-2F ¾l, nk (M. Camacho). Tote: win, £10·80; places £2·70, £2·30, £2·90. Dual F'cast: £196·30. SPSF: £37·51. Tricast: £283·81. NR: C. Lewiston.

Henley Royal Regatta

London University triumph in Grand

By GEOFFREY PAGE

The big guns were firing for the first time on the second day of Henley yesterday, with the opening salvoes in the Grand, in which Harvard had a surprisingly easy win over the fancied Danes, and there was a stirring performance from the University of London.

Harvard produced a devastating burst of power at the top of Temple Island, which took the Danes by surprise. They never settled, eventually gave up the unequal struggle, and came in some lengths behind.

London University took the lead against Oklahoma City at the quarter-mile and had stretched this to threequarters of a length by the Barrier. They held this to the three-quarter-mile mark where the Tmericans attacked.

Oklahoma came back to within one-third of a length but with both crews at full stretch along the enclosures, London found the extra reserves and won a fine race by threequarters of a length. Princeton were always in command of the Australians but recorded the slowest time.

Poor steering

One of the best races of the day was in the Ladies' Plate, when the Nautilus lightweights excelled themselves, and but for some poor steering might have come close to defeating the star-studded heavier Norwegians.

Nautilus harried the tiring Ormsund crew all the way home but steering into their wash in the midle of the stream. They went down by only one-third of a length, forcing Ormsund to record a time which was beaten only by London University in the Grand.

Pre-race collision

The standard of the best Ladies' Plate crews is close to Grand class, Vesta being faster than Princeton after a hard race with Thames, and only three seconds slower than Harvard. In the Thames Cup, Ridley continued inexorably towards their final and clearly have plenty in hand.

Two selected crews fell in the Britannia, Newark rowing one of the favourites, Neptune, to a standstill, while Maidenhead led the Tideway Scullers all the way, and will meet Newark today.

In the Visitors', Isis survived a pre-race collision with the New Zealand double when doing a practice start, and went on to a convincing win over Princeton. The New Zealanders broke a rigger and later lost after repairs.

Neither Redgrave nor Ibarra were out of breath in the Diamonds and meet today in what will probably be the decisive race. Stanhope and Dryden lost to the Brazilian Olympic pair in the Goblets, hitting the booms opposite the grandstand.

In the Princess Elizabeth, King's School, Chester, who put out the holders, St Edward's, on Thursday, produced another inspired burst along the enclosures to put out the selected American boys from Salisbury School.

Today's Order of Rowing

9.—Special Schools races; 9.20—Eton Vikings; 9.25—Univ Coll. Thames Cup: Downing Cambridge v Dublin v Tribesmen (Ireland); 9.40—Univ. Coll, Galway v Durham Univ.; 9.45—Ridley College (Canada) v Kingston "A".

10—Queen Mother Cup: Agecroft v Bewdley & Thames Tradesmen; 10.5—Diamond Sculls: B. Lewis (Dirty Dozen, U.S.) v S. Larkin (Nottingham); 10.20—Ladies' Plate: Temple Univ. (U.S.) v Princeton Univ.; 10.35—Wyfold Cup: Vancouver v Stirling; 10.40—Visitors' Cup: Univ. of London v Trent Poly; 10.45—Prince Philip Cup: D.S.R. Laga (Holland) v Tideway Scullers Sch.

11—Ladies' Plate: Leander Club "A" v Vesta; 11.5—Wyfold Cup: Syracuse Univ. (U.S.) v Nautilus Lightweight "A"; 11.20—Britannia Cup: Lea v Univ. of London; 11.25—Silver Goblets: R. A. Carvalho & R. B. Carvalho (Club Flamengo, Brazil) v E. Pearson & C. Riches (Molesey); 11.35-12.45: Special Schools races.

2.20—Ladies' Plate: Harvard Univ. v Garda Siochana (Ireland); 2.25—Wyfold Cup: Molesey "A" v Tara (Ireland); 2.40—Visitors' Cup: Isis v Imperial Coll. London; 2.45—Silver Goblets: F. Moore & P. Brown (Neptune, Ireland) v J. Scrivener & S. Hassan (Lea).

3—Grand: Univ. of London v Princeton Univ.; 3.5—Princess Elizabeth Cup: St Paul's (Concord), U.S. v King's Chester; 3.20—Queen Mother Cup: Maidenhead v Tideway Scullers' Sch; 3.25—Diamonds: R. Ibarra (Club Flamengo, Brazil) v S. Redgrave (Marlow); 3.40—Princess Elizabeth v Cambridge Univ.; 3.45—Grand: Harvard Univ. v Beth Cup: Hampton v St Andrew's School (U.S.); 3.50—Prince Philip Cup: Thames Tradesmen's & L.L. Tyrian v Princeton Univ.

5.—Ladies' Plate: Ormsund (Norway) v Tara (Ireland); 5.5—Stewards' Cup: Univ of London & Tyrian v Worcester Poly Inst (U.S.); 5.20—Wyfold Cup: Leander v Lea "B"; 5.25—Britannia Cup: Maidenhead v Newark; 5.40—Double Sculls: J. Spencer-Jones & M. Buckingham v Eltang (Kolding & Sesk Studenter) (Bewdley & Marlow) v L. Kruse & B. Denmark; 5.45—Double Sculls: C. Smith & S. Forbes (Notts Co.) v B. Lewis & G. Springer (Dirty Dozen, U.S.).

6—Thames Cup: Univ. Coll. Dublin or Tribesmen (Ireland) v Downing, Cambridge or Eton Vikings; 6.5—Thames Cup: Ridley Coll (Canada) or Kingston "A" v Univ. College (Galway) or Durham Univ.; 6.20-6.45: Special Schools races.

Results at Henley

QUEEN MOTHER CUP —Quarter-finals

HOLDERS: Maidenhead RC & Bewdley RC

Agecroft RC bt City of Oxford RC 4½l, 7-23.

Tideway Scullers Sch bt Leander Club & Quintin BC 1¾l, 7-17.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH CUP —Quarter-finals

Hampton Sch bt Emanuel Sch 2½l, 7-00.

St Andrew's Sch (U.S.) bt Sir William Borlase' Sch 4½l, 6-58.

St Paul's Sch, Concord (U.S.) bt Kingston GS 1¾l, 7-05.

King's Sch, Chester bt Salisbury Sch (U.S.) 3l, 6-56.

VISITORS' CUP—Quarter-final

HOLDERS: Shiplake Coll. & Sir William Borlase's Sch.

Isis BC bt Princeton Univ. (U.S.) easily, 7-37.

Imperial Coll., London bt Edinburgh Univ. 4l, 7-24.

Univ. of London bt Columbia Univ. (U.S.) 1½l, 7-25.

Trent Poly bt Syracuse Univ. (U.S.) easily, 7-33.

GRAND CHALLENGE CUP —Quarter-finals

HOLDERS: Leander Club & London RC

Harvard Univ. (U.S.) bt Bagsvaerd & Odense (Denmark) 4½l, 6-35.

Cambridge Univ., bye.

Univ. of London bt Oklahoma City (U.S.) ¾l, 7-29.

Princeton Univ. (U.S.) bt Australian Inst. of Sport, 1l, 6-41.

SILVER GOBLETS—Quarter-finals

HOLDERS: E. M. G. Pearson & C. P. M. Riches (Cambridge Univ. & Molesey BC)

R. A. Carvalho & R. B. Carvalho (Club Flamengo, Brazil) bt F. Dryden & R. Stanhope (Vesta & Thames Tradesmen) 1½l, 8-02.

E. Pearson & C. Riches (Molesey) rowed over; J. Beattie & R. Budgett (Thames Tradesmen's & Univ. of London Club) scr.

F. Moore & P. Brown (Neptune, Ireland) bt M. Knight & M. Clift (Notts Co. RA) ¾l, 7-55.

J. Scrivener & S. Hassan (Lea) bt J. Tyndyk & R. Williams (Derwent) ¾l, 8-25.

LADIES' PLATE—2nd Rd

HOLDERS: Brown University (U.S.)

Temple Univ. (U.S.) bt Palm Beach RA (U.S.) 1l, 7-01.

Princeton Univ. (U.S.) bt Univ of Bristol ¾l, 6-59.

Leander Club A bt Molesey BC 1½l, 6-50.

Vesta bt Thames A ¾l, 6-39.

Ormsund (Norway) bt Nautilus Lightweight ⅓l, 6-31.

Tara (Ireland) bt San Diego State Univ. (U.S.) 1½l, 6-44.

Harvard Univ. (U.S.) bt Leander Club B 1¾l, 6-47.

Garda Siochana (Ireland) bt London Welsh 1½l, 8-36.

WYFOLD CUP—2nd Rd

HOLDERS: Nottinghamshire Co RAA.

Vancouver (Canada) bt Thames Tradesmen RC B 2½l, 7-26.

Stirling AB & SC bt Thames RC 3l, 7-37.

Syracuse Univ. (U.S.) bt London RC A 1l, 7-26.

Nautilus Lightweight A bt Nautilus Lightweight C ¾l, 7-15.

Molesey BC A bt Staines BC, easily, 7-30.

Tara (Ireland) bt Stourport 4½l, 7-38.

Leander Club bt Molesey B, not rowed out, 7-33.

Lea RC B bt Thames Tradesmen A, easily, 7-42.

DOUBLE SCULLS—Quarter-finals

HOLDERS: M. Emerson & L. Kruse (Bagsvaerd Roklub & Kolding Roklub, Denmark).

J. Spencer-Jones & M. Buckingham (Bewdley & Marlow) bt D. Ashby & B. Beavis (West End, New Z), easily, 7-59.

B. Eltang & L. Kruse (Kolding & Sesk Studenter, Denmark) bt A. Rudkin & A. Whitwell (Northampton RC & The Beckett Sch) 4½l, 7-35.

C. Smith & S. Forbes (Notts Co RA) bt C. Watkins & M. Dinsmore (Wallingford) 4½l, 7-56.

B. Lewis & G. Springer (Dirty Dozen RC, U.S.) bt P. Knight & K. Bowles (Rob Roy), easily, 7-47.

DIAMOND SCULLS—2nd Rd

HOLDER: C. Baillieu (Leander Club).

J. Hasson (Harvard Univ, US) bt M. Alloway (Tideway Scullers School) easily, 8-44.

R. Ibarra (Club Flamengo, Brazil) bt J. Felix (Club Remo de San Juan, Puerto Rico), 3½l, 8-57.

L. Pawlinski (San Diego State Univ, US) bt C. Williams (Tideway Scullers' Schl) 4l, 8-57.

S. Redgrave (Marlow) bt A. Norman (Melbourne, Australia) easily, 8-36.

B. Lewis (Dirty Dozen RC, US) bt C. Watkins (Wallingford) easily, 9-21.

R. Phillips (London) bt A. Kittermaster (Barclays Bk) 3l, 8-36.

D. L. Gwilliam (Stourport) bt P. Cust (Quintin BC) 1 2/3l, 9-5.

S. Larkin (Nottingham BC) bt J. Andersen (Odense, Denmark) 4½l, 8-58.

Quarter-finals

I. Barra bt Hanson, easily, 9-11.

Redgrave bt Pawinski, easily, 8-54.

Lewis bt Philips, 3¾l, 8-45.

Larkins bt Gwilliam 3¾l, 8-59.

BRITANNIA CUP—Qtr-finals

HOLDERS: Tideway Scullers' School.

Maidenhead RC bt Tideway Scullers' Schl 1¾l, 7-31.

Newark RC bt Neptune (Ireland) not rowed out.

Lea bt Bedford 2l, 7-14.

Univ. of London bt Agecroft, easily.

THAMES CUP—2nd Rd

HOLDERS: Cantabrigian.

Univ. College, Dublin bt London 2l, 7-51.

Tribesmen (Ireland) bt Queen's Univ. Belfast, 3l, 7-03.

Downing Coll., Cambridge, bt Star Club 2½l, 7-02.

Eton Vikings bt Kingston RC B ¾l, 7-00.

Ridley Coll. (Canada) bt Lea 4l, 6-51.

Kingston A bt Lady Margaret BC, Cambrdge, 4l, 7-04.

Univ. College, Galway, bt Caius Coll., Cambridge 2¾l, no time.

Durham Univ. bt Thames Tradesmen's RC ¾l, 6-51.

PRINCE PHILIP CUP—Quarter-finals

HOLDERS: Marlow RC & Univ. of London Tyrian Club

D S R Lage (Holland) bt Holy Cross Coll. (U.S.) easily, 8-05.

Tideway Scullers' Schl w.o., Kingston RC & Lea RC.

Thames Tradesmen RC & Univ. of London Tyrian bt St Paul Schl Concord (U.S.) easily, 7-51.

Princeton Univ. (U.S.) bt Syracuse Univ. (U.S.) ¾l, 7-36.

Round Britain Race

Untested multihulls are still big race favourites

By TONY FAIRCHILD

TONY BULLIMORE'S Apricot and Mike Whipp's B.C.A.—formerly Paragon—are expected to set the pace in the City of Plymouth Round Britain Race, starting from Plymouth at 11 o'clock this morning.

Both also have the speed to win the 2,000-mile voyage, which has compulsory halts at Cork, Barra, Lerwick and Lowestoft before the finish at Plymouth.

But the question is whether the two multihulls, both practically brand new and relatively untested, will last the course, especially if conditions become rough for the nearly 80 starters.

If it does blow up during the race, expected to be won in about eight days, the main contenders could become Red Star Night Star (Don Woods) or Marlow Ropes (Mark Gatehouse).

Red Star Night Star was the winner of the last race three years ago, when named Colt Car G B. Sailed by Dame Naomi and the late Rob James, it finished in a record eight days 15 hours 5 minutes.

Marlowe Ropes, formerly Exmouth Challenge, was third in the last race, dogged towards the close by light winds which did not favour the craft although it went on to win the last singlehanded Trans-Atlantic race as Umupo Jardin.

Robin Knox-Johnston's British Airways I, which has gained some doubt because of a modified rig, and Philip Walwyn's Spirit of St Kitts, could both come into the reckoning in sterner conditions.

Thursday's Child (Warren Luhrs) is expected to be the leading monohull in the race for two-handed crews.

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COMMANCHE TO GIVE PIGGOTT CORAL VICTORY

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

LESTER PIGGOTT, who has finally confirmed his intention to retire from riding and set up as a Newmarket trainer in November, hopes that Commanche Run will provide his eighth Coral-Eclipse Stakes victory at Sandown Park today.

Piggott, only 15 when winning it for the first time on Mystery IX in 1951, will ride Commanche Run to ensure today's big race is a true stamina test, but Rainbow Quest also stays well and has better finishing speed.

This will be the first Eclipse Stakes since the war to attract no three-year-old, but two of its runners are classic winners and two more were second in classics.

Commanche Run won last year's St Leger and Pebbles was successful in the 1,000 Guineas.

Rainbow Quest, second to El Gran Senor in the 1984 Irish Derby and third in the Prix du Jockey Club (French Derby), has also won the Coronation Cup and Great Voltigeur Stakes besides being a high-class two-year-old in 1983.

Bob Back was beaten a short head in last year's Italian Derby but his most notable performance was a surprise Royal Ascot win over Pebbles and Commanche Run this summer.

Rainbow Quest won last month's Coronation Cup without coming off the bit. Good as he was in previous seasons, this colt may now be still better and is today's nap.

Jockey's regret

Alain Lequeux, who rode him in the Prix du Jockey Club, is on Rainbow Quest again today because Vincent O'Brien has claimed Pat Eddery for mounts at Phoenix Park.

Bob Back produced a strong finish in the 10-furlong Prince of Wales Stakes at Royal Ascot, but there may have been valid excuses for Pebbles and Commanche Run.

Pebbles was in season only two days before that race and Piggott, with hindsight, may regret not having set a stronger pace on Commanche Run.

Pebbles, whose ability to stay 10 furlongs was first shown by her close second in last year's Champion Stakes, seeks to become the first of her sex to win the Eclipse Stakes since it was founded in 1889.

Pebbles and Commanche Run both began their four-year-old campaigns with Sandown Park victories. Pebbles won the Trusthouse Forte Mile and Commanche Run gained a 12-length victory over the Eclipse Stakes distance in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes on soft ground and against weak opposition during late May.

Graecia Magna, second to Sally Brown in the Ribblesdale Stakes at Royal Ascot may find consolation her most dangerous rival in Haydock Park's Lancashire Oaks. Consolation was conceding 7lb when third to Shadywood at Newbury.

Bill Watts's stable could lead a fine double with Clanrallier in the Old Newton Cup at Haydock Park and Teleprompter, who tackles the Pacemaker International Stakes at Phoenix Park. Clanrallier was a recent Royal Ascot winner and that popular gelding Teleprompter looks as good as ever this year.

Steve Cauthen may win tomorrow's Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud on the Aga Khan's much-improved Kirmann. Willie Carson rides the second English challenger Seismic Wave because Brent Thomson fulfils an earlier obligation to ride in tomorrow's German Derby at Hamburg.

TODAY'S SANDOWN PARK SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
1.45—Willbe Willbe	—	1.45—Willbe Willbe
2.15—Black Hunter	2.15—MASTER LINE (nap)	2.15—Black Hunter
2.55—RAINBOW QUEST (nap)	2.55—Pebbles	2.55—Rainbow Quest
3.30—Ghika	—	3.30—French Flutter
4. 5—Rikki Tavi	4. 5—Bocoda Lad	4. 5—Rikki Tavi
4.35—Come on the Blues	4.35—Gamblers Dream	4.35—MILK HEART (nap)

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Graecia Magna (2.0, Haydock Park) and Rainbow Quest

NEWMARKET NAP.—Pebbles (2.55)

TONY STAFFORD.—Commanche Run (2.55)

Rainbow Quest . . . Hotspur's nap for the Coral-Eclipse Stakes.

Races on TV

1.30 HAYDOCK	ITV
1.45 SANDOWN	ITV
2. 0 HAYDOCK	ITV
2.15 SANDOWN	ITV
2.30 HAYDOCK	ITV
2.55 SANDOWN	ITV

Course Notes & Hints

MASTER IS DAY'S BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

MASTER LINE* seems ready to gain a belated first success in today's Anniversary Handicap (2.15) at Sandown Park.

Henry Candy's colt ran very promisingly on his only start as a two-year-old but proved disappointing in three outings last season.

He stepped up on previous form when a close fourth to Evros over 10 furlongs here last month and can make the most of generous weight concessions by the three-year-olds Moss Empire and Black Hunter.

Steve Cauthen, who rides Master Line, may complete a double on Pebbles in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes (2-55). Clive Brittain's filly may have most to fear from Rainbow Quest.

Bocoda Lad is expected to take advantage of his light weight in the Commonwealth Handicap (4.5) and Gamblers Dream, is fancied for the Victoria Handicap (4.35).

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

SANDOWN PARK.— 1.45, Willbe Willbe; 2.15, Summer King; 2.55, Pebbles (nap); 3.30, Ghika; 4.5, Petrizzo; 4.35, Come on the Blues.
BATH.— 2.30, Ragged Moon; 4.30, Marsoom; 5.00, Red Zulu; 5.30, Shahdiza.
BEVERLEY.— 2.15, Mossberole; 2.45, Puccini; 3.15, Keep The Thought; 3.45, Rhinestone Cowboy; 4.15, Al Mundhir; 4.45, Chase Paperchase; 5.15, Musical Mystery.
HAYDOCK PARK.— 1.30, Pagan Sun; 2.0, Shadywood; 2.30, Russian Noble; 3.5, Mihaarb; 3.35, Choire Mhor; 4.5, Empty Chest.
NOTTINGHAM: 6.15, Mr McGregor; 6.45, Par Savvy; 7.15, Reyah; 7.55, Bold Arrangement; 8.25, Cut In; 8.55, Bakers Delight.

COURSE SPECIALISTS
SANDOWN PARK

Course winners: 2.55 (1¼m): Commanche Run (1¼m), Pebbles (1m). 4.5 (2m): Broad Leaf (1¾m). 4.35 (7f): Come On The Blues (1m), Grand Harbour (7f), Feydan (7f).

Jockeys (Since March 1980): Carson 59, Piggott 54, Eddery 39, Cauthen 28, Starkey 35, Swinburn 13, Rouse 11, Quinn 9, Robinson 8, Baxter 8, Cook 8, A McKay 8, Mercer 8, Raymond 7, Reid 7, Robinson 7.

Trainers: Stoute 29, Harwood 25, Brittain 22, Hern 20, Armstrong 18, Dunlop 17, Cecil 15, Hills 11, Walwyn 10, Durr 9, Tree 9, Balding 9, Cole 9, Candy 8.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for Monday's meetings: Windsor, Edinburgh, Wolverhampton, Pontefract, "good to firm."

Sandown Park Racing

Thomson nurses 'Care' to victory

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oaksey)

BRENT THOMSON showed coolness and economy worthy of Scobie Breasley at Sandown Park yesterday nursing and educating Tender Loving Care through her first public appearance in the Inchape Fillies Stakes and contriving to win first prize at the same time.

For at least three of the seven furlongs this nice, big, Final Straw filly seemed mystified by the proceedings. With Thomson's sympathetic help, she gradually found her stride but halfway up the hill it appeared that Pat Eddery had gone beyond recall on Key to the Keep.

Bred by Lord Porchester, the Queen's racing-manager, Tender Loving Care was sold for £170,000 as a yearling and suddenly she began to look well worth it, catching Key to the Keep inside the last furlong and going past without being shown the whip.

Not surprisingly, trainer Barry Hills, has the top mile prizes for two-year-old fillies in mind for Tender Loving Care, but says she will probably have only a couple more runs this year, including either the Waterford Candelabra or Hoover Mile.

Balding strength

In any such race Tender Loving Care will almost certainly have to cope with a filly trained by Ian Balding. She may have beaten one, Key to the Keep, this time but earlier yesterday Measuring had underlined the strength of the Kingsclere fillies by wearing down Sperry to win the Wayfoong Stakes by two lengths.

Balding will run two of his seven individual two-year-old winners, Storm Star and Chalk Stream, in next week's Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket. Pat Eddery will have the choice of rides.

Eddery, who rode Measuring, took his total for the season to 84 when Iroko ran on much too strongly for Killary Bay in the last furlong of the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club Trophy Handicap.

Lester Piggott was repeatedly baulked on The Game's Up in this race, and he had anything but a troublefree run on Quiet Riot in the G R E Handicap, where Eddery looked sure to make it three on Torquemada.

Change of fortune

Just conceivably, Eddery may have been lulled into a state of false security by having Piggott apparently well beaten. It was only in the last half-furlong that a more serious threat materialised as Philip Robinson stormed up the middle with On Patrol.

Mrs Lemos's filly got up to win by two lengths. She had never been out of the frame in six races without managing a win, so even if luck went her way, it was deserved.

Fortune also favoured All Agreed in the Jardine Handicap. He and Richard Quinn, who later won with Cadmium; wriggled through a sardine-can full of narrow openings to catch Woodfold, his John Winter stable-companion, in the last few strides.

SANDOWN RUNNERS

Racecard Numbers shown on left. Figures before oblique stroke refer to pre-1984 form and before hyphen to 1984 form. Apprentices' Allowance in brackets. C—course winner. D—distance. BF—beaten favourite. BL—blinkered. Draw for places on right.

EFFECT OF DRAW: No advantage except high numbers over 5f, especially in big fields

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO FIRM

JACKPOT MEETING

1.45 (Jackpot Prefix 1): KINGSTON 2-Y-O MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES Penalty Value £2,691 5f (11 declared)

1 002 BUSY LOUIE (Mrs V. Lewis), G. Lewis, 8-11 P. Waldron 6
3 2243 CRESTA LEAP (Lt-Col E. Harries), R. Hannon, 8-11 B. Rouse 11
4 0 DANCING DIVA (Baroness H. H. Thyssen), R. Houghton, 8-11 L. Piggott 2
5 DYNAMIC BABY (G. Scudder), A. Pitt, 8-11 R. McGhin 5
6 LITTLE PIPERS (Cheveley Park Stud), J. Winter, 8-11 B. Raymond 9
7 L0 LLANON (J. Widdows), R. Simpson, 8-11 T. Quinn 8
8 MYRA'S SPECIAL (C. Gaventa), J. Sutcliffe, 8-11 S. Whitworth 3
11 02000 SUMMERHILL SPRUCE (Summerhill Stud Ltd), Miss A. Sinclair, 8-11 W. Higgins 7
12 0 SUNLEY SPIRIT (Sunley Holdings Ltd), G. Lewis, 8-11 J. Mercer 1
14 00 THANK ME AGAIN (Nasser Abdulla), M. Albina, 8-11 S. Cauthen 10
15 0 WILLBE WILLBE (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-11 A. Lequeux 4

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Willbe Willbe, 7-2 Busy Louie, 9-2 Dancing Diva, 6 Cresta Leap, 8 Sunley Spirit, 12 Myra's Special, Little Pipers, 16 others.
1984: Polly Daniels 8-11 T. Quinn 9-4 P. Cole, 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Busy Louie was beaten 6l by Katasia (level) at Nottingham (5f) July 1 (good going). Cresta Leap was beaten 4l and sh hd when 3rd to Nashia (level) at Salisbury (5f) June 26 with Dancing Diva (level) 9th and Sunley Spirit (level) out of first 9 of 20 (good to soft). Summerhill Spruce was beaten 5¼l when 6th of 16 to Ann Aesthetic (level) at Lingfield (6f) June 29 (good). Llanon was 8th of 10 to Shining Poppy (gave 5lb) at Brighton (6f) June 24 (good to firm). Willbe Willbe was beaten 1l and sh hd when 3rd to Alexanjo (level) at Newcastle (5f) June 28 (good). Thank Me Again was beaten just over 9l when 6th to Defy Me (level) at Wolverhampton (5f) June 24 (good).

WILLBE WILLBE is preferred to Thank Me Again

2.15 (Prefix 2): ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP £4,006 1m 3f 100y (7)

4 012111 MOSS EMPIRE (Mrs H. Beaufort), R. Hannon, 3 9-13 (5lb ex) L. Jones (5) 4
5 01-04 BLACK HUNTER (Sheikh Mohammed), M. Stoute, 3 9-9 L. Piggott 1
8 010- MICKEY GO (A. Balzarini), M. Jarvis, 3 9-5 B. Raymond 5
9 0/000-04 MASTER LINE (Mrs D. Anderson), H. Candy, 4 9-1 S. Cauthen 7
12 00-0130 DERBY DAY (BL) (N. Spreadbury), D. A. Wilson, 4 8-6 B. Rouse 3
13 03-1320 SUMMER KING (R. Deel), R. Armstrong, 3 8-5 J. Mercer 6
14 040000 PLIANT (Mrs T. Mitol), C. Horgan, 5 8-5 — 2

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Moss Empire, 7-2 Black Hunter, 4 Master Line, 5 Summer King, 8 Derby Day, 10 Mickey Go, 14 Pliant.
1984: Aylesfield 4 8-3 W. Carson 7-1 G. Wragg, 5 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Moss Empire beat Thames Island (gave 5lb) by 4l at Windsor (1m 3f 150y) July 1 (good). Black Hunter was beaten 3¾l when 4th to Gundreda (gave 5lb) at Newmarket (1¼m) June 29 (good). Master Line was beaten 3½l when 4th to Evros (rec 2lb) at Sandown (1¼m) June 14 with Pliant (rec 10lb) 1½l away 5th of 10 (good to soft). Summer King was out of first 9 to Lemhill (gave 2lb) at Newbury (1m 3f) June 13 (good to soft). Mickey Go was beaten 9¼l when 6th of 9 to Samesh Sorr (level) at Capenelle (1m) Nov 18 (heavy).

BLACK HUNTER may prevent Moss Empire four-timer

2.55 (Prefix 3): CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES £110,880 1¼m (5)

1 424-540 AUGUST (D) (K. Abdulla), J. Tree, 4 9-7 S. Raymond 1
2 30-5011 BOB BACK (D) (B. McNall), M. Jarvis, 4 9-7 B. Raymond 2
3 3111-13 COMMANCHE RUN (CD) (BF) (I. Allan), L. Cumani, 4 9-7 L. Piggott 5
4 3210-11 RAINBOW QUEST (D) (K. Abdulla), J. Tree, 4 9-7 A. Lequeux 3
5 1122-12 PEBBLES (C) (Sheikh Mohammed), C. Brittain, 4 9-4 S. Cauthen 4

S.P. FORECAST: 11-10 Rainbow Quest, 5 Pebbles, Commanche Run, 8 Bob Back, 150 August.
1984: Sadlers Wells 3 8-8 P. Eddery 11-4 M. V. O'Brien, Ireland, 9 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Bob Back beat Pebbles (rec 3lb) by 1½l at Royal Ascot (1¼m) June 18 with Commanche Run (level) sh hd away 3rd of 4 (good to firm). Rainbow Quest beat Old Country (level) by 1½l at Epsom (1½m) June 6 with August (level) tailed off last of 7 (good).

RAINBOW QUEST may beat Bob Back

3.30 (Prefix 4): PADDOCK MAIDEN STAKES 2-Y-O £3,086 7f (7)

1 AUTUMN FLUTTER (Dr C. Kenny), R. Hannon, 9-0 B. Rouse 3
4 03 FRENCH FLUTTER (L. Smith), R. Sheather, 9-0 L. Piggott 1
5 GAELIC FLUTTER (T. Chick), K. Brassey, 9-0 S. Whitworth 6
6 GHIKA (C. St George), H. Cecil, 9-0 S. Cauthen 5
7 GORGEOUS STRIKE (A. Larsson), C. Nelson, 9-0 J. Mercer 7
10 0 RUBUS (B. Hathaway), D. Thom, 9-0 B. Raymond 2
12 TORWADA (F. Salman), P. Cole, 9-0 T. Quinn 4

S.P. FORECAST: 8-15 Ghika, 11-2 Torwada, 8 Gorgeous Strike, 10 Gaelic Flutter, French Flutter, 12 others.
1984: Grooming 9-0 P. Eddery 9-4F J. Tree, 12 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—French Flutter was beaten 3¼l when 3rd of 8 to Try Harder (level) at York (7f) June 14 (good). Rubus was last of 11 to Andartis (level) at Newmarket (5f) April 16 (good).

FRENCH FLUTTER may be good enough

4.5 (Prefix 5): COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP £6,066 2m (6)

1 0-00020 PETRIZZO (C. Elliott), C. Brittain, 4 9-11 S. Cauthen 5
2 0/24131- BROADLEAF (C) (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 4 8-7 S. Whitworth 1
4 000121 RIKKI TAVI (D) (A. Boon), B. Hills, 5 7-12 (5lb ex) T. Quinn 2
7 205-033 RUSHMOOR (J. Ennis), R. Peacock, 7 7-9 — 6
9 0-10400 SNEAK PREVIEW (D) (H. Gross), H. Candy, 5 7-8 C. Rutter (5) 3
10 0-24214 BOCODA LAD (E. Hill), C. Benstead, 4 7-7 T. Williams 4

S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Rikki Tavi, 3 Bocoda Lad, 9-2 Petrizzo, 7 Broadleaf, 10 Rushmoor, 12 Sneak Preview.
1984: Special Vintage 4 9-10 S. Cauthen 5-2F J. FitzGerald, 10 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Rikki Tavi beat Bespoke (gave 20lb) by 4l at Ascot (2m) June 22 with Rushmoor (gave 4lb) 3l away 3rd and Bocoda Lad (rec 1lb) a further 8l away 4th of 9 (good to soft). Sneak Preview was beaten 2¼l when 5th to Telephone Numbers (rec 14lb) at Lingfield (2m) June 28 (good). Petrizzo was 8th of 12 to Gildoran (level) at Royal Ascot (2½m) June 20 (good to firm). Broadleaf beat Straight Man (gave 23lb) by sh hd at Newbury (1½m) Aug 18 (good).

RIKKI TAVI may confirm Ascot form with Rushmoor

4.35 (Prefix 6): VICTORIA HANDICAP £5,049 7f (14)

1 100-034 REMORSELESS (D) (Sheikh Mohammed), J. Ciechanowski, 5 9-10 A. Lequeux 8
2 442424 MILK HEART (BL) (E. Holdings), G. Lewis, 6 9-8 J. Mercer 13
3 0/011-00 INDIAN-RAJAH (D) (Bornstein Bounsfield Ltd), K. Brassey, 5 9-7 S. Whitworth 11
4 0-00011 COME ON THE BLUES (C) (D) (Mrs C. Paterson), C. Brittain, 6 9-2 C. Rutter (5) 6
7 122-400 POLYKRATIS (D) (M. Peraticos), M. Francis, 3 9-0 S. Cauthen 12
8 041-20 MIRANDA (S. Hanson), M. Stoute, 3 9-0 L. Piggott 1
10 020-000 GAMBLERS DREAM (BL) (D. A. Wilson), D. A. Wilson, 8 8-13 B. Rouse 2
11 0u00-00 GRAND HARBOUR (CD) (J. Boswell), L. Cottrell, 5 8-12 B. Raymond 3
12 00000-0 STEEPLE BELL (CD) (Mrs C. Brudenell-Bruce), M. Stoute, 9 8-11 K. Bradshaw (5) 9
13 0-54000 DETROIT SAM (D) (D. Wickins), R. Akehurst, 4 8-7 P. Waldron 14
14 100000 PHARLIOU (K. Hsu), R. Armstrong, 4 8-6 — 5
18 00-0003 FEYDAN (CD) (Mrs H. Seymour), L. Cottrell, 4 8-0 N. Carlisle 10
19 0-00000 SUPER TRIP (J. Maxwell), G. Hunter, 4 7-13 — 7
21 042-002 BUNDABURG (D) (J. Watson), M. McCourt, 5 7-7 T. Williams (3) 4

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Come On The Blues, 4 Milk Heart, 11-2 Miranda, 8 Bundaburg, Indian Rajah, 10 Steeple Bell, 12 Feydan, Remorseless, 14 others.
1984: Grand Harbour 4 8-13 W. Carson 11-8F L. Cottrell, 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Come On The Blues beat Advance (gave 14lb) by 1½l at Royal Ascot (1m) June 19 with Gamblers Dream (gave 11lb) 4¾l away 10th, Super Trip (gave 1lb) and Pharliou (gave 6lb) out of first 10 of 27 (good to firm). Remorseless was beaten 5½l when 4th to Pontevecchio Due (rec 25lb) at Lingfield (7f 140y) June 29 with Detroit Sam (rec 17lb) 1½l away 6th of 8 (good). Milk Heart was beaten 6¼l when 4th to Time Machine (rec 15lb) at Royal Ascot (6f) June 21 with Grand Harbour (rec 12lb) out of first 15 of 30 (good). Miranda was beaten 10¼l when 5th to Princess Cariole (level) at York (1m) May 15 (soft). Bundaburg was beaten ¾l by King of Speed (rec 7lb) at Brighton (7f) June 25 (good to firm). Feydan was beaten 5¼l when 3rd to Pictograph (rec 17lb) at Salisbury (1m) June 27 (good).

MILK HEART may beat Come On The Blues

Bath card and riding plans

HOTSPUR	FORM
2. 0—Il Saraceno	2. 0—Crowfoots Couture
2.30—State Banquet	2.30—Ragged Moon
3. 0—Indiana Pencil	3. 0—Petrovich
3.30—Nioro	3.30—Waveguide
4. 0—Tyro Prince	4. 0—Inuit Dancer
4.30—Marsoom	4.30—New Central
5. 0—Red Zulu	5. 0—Red Zulu
5.30—Shahdiza	5.30—Folk Dance

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers slightly favoured up to 1m

Advance official going: GOOD TO FIRM

2.0: OAKHILL SELLING STAKES (Div. I) Penalty Value £845 1m 8y (11 declared)

3 0000-24 Crowfoot's Couture, B. McMahon, 4 8-7 R. Curant 3
4 00000-0 Il Saraceno, J. Bosley, 4 8-7 I. Johnson 8
9 Kings Hill, R. Hodges, 4 8-4 — 7
10 000/ Thieves Hollow, J. Douglas-Home, 4 8-4 P. Cook 4
14 0-0 Buckhorn Weston (BL), W. R. Williams, 3 7-11 N. Howe 9
17 0-00000 Discovered (BL), C. Austin, 3 7-11 D. McKay 6
18 00000-0 Easter Rambler, P. Butler, 3 7-11 — 11
21 0-0 Pen Taw, C. J. Hill, 3 7-11 A. McGlone 1
24 00000-0 Cedar Room, D. Ancil, 3 7-8 R. Still 5
27 0004-00 Kiki Star, M. Usher, 3 7-8 N. Adams (5) 2
30 0-030 Winsome Lass, L. Holt, 3 7-8 R. Fox 10

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Crowfoots Couture, 4 Il Saraceno, 11-2 Cedar Room, 7 Easter Rambler, 8 Pen Taw, Kiki Star, 12 Buckhorn Weston, 16 others.

2.30: LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP 3-Y-O £831 1¼m 50y (13)

2 0-000 Courageous Charger, G. Harwood, 9-7 P. Mose 4
3 0-2303 State Banquet, M. Usher, 9-6 J. Carter 12
6 0-00 Demand, H. Candy, 9-2 G. Landau 1
7 2040-30 Mandolin, Thomson Jones, 9-1 K. Sinclair (5) 5
8 302330 Sir Crusty, R. Holder, 8-12 A. Dicks 11
10 0-00024 Touch The Wind, C. Horgan, 8-11 — 6
11 00-0000 Youthful Momentum (BL), I. Balding, 8-9 S. Coates (5) 10
13 500 Handy Mandy, D. Arbuthnot, 8-8 R. Carter 9
14 0-00 Courtlands Girl, S. Mellor, 8-8 M. Lynch 7
15 003404 Albaciyna, R. Stubbs, 8-7 — 2
19 000 Sweet And Golden, W. Wightman, 8-5 P. Hill 3
20 40-0041 Ragged Moon, R. J. Williams, 8-3 David Eddery 13
22 00-000 Boulevard Boy, R. Holder, 7-11 A. Ball (5) 8

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Ragged Moon, 7-2 State Banquet, 9-2 Mandolin, 11-2 Sir Crusty, 7 Touch the Wind, Albaciyna, 10 Youthful Momentum, 14 others.

3.0: SPARROWS HANDICAP 3-Y-O £2,523 5f 167y (8)

1 122033 Dorking Lad, M. Blanshard, 9-7 N. Adams (5) 7
2 210-004 Axe Valley, P. Cole, 9-5 M. Lynch (7) 3
3 0-00043 Indiana Pencil, D. Sasse, 9-4 N. Dawe (5) 1
4 010-040 Shalbee, J. Bridger, 8-13 R. Guest 5
5 0-00040 Lily of France (BL), D. Laing, 8-11 R. Curant 4
6 13-0221 Petrovich, R. Hannon, 8-11 (8lb ex) A. McGlone 6
10 2-00500 Fremont Boy, C. James, 7-10 R. Fox 2
11 03-0 She Knows It All, M. Pipe, 7-9 — 8

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Petrovich, 4 Dorking Lad, 11-2 Indiana Pencil, 6 Lily of France, Axe Valley, 10 She Knows It All, 12 Shalbee, 14 Fremont Boy.

3.30: TYSOE STAKES 2-Y-O £1,952 5f (7)

4 Nioro, R. Houghton, 8-11 R. Fox 7
5 00 Quarryville, K. Brassey, 8-11 E. Johnson [illegible]
6 3303 [illegible], 8-11 [illegible] 1
9 Dancing Fantasy, D. Sasse, 8-8 [illegible] 5
11 Keith's Girl, [illegible]
14 4 Waveguide, [illegible], 8-8 [illegible]
16 0 Young Flame, N. Vigors, 8-8 P. Cook 6

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Waveguide, 3 [illegible], 13-2 Young Flame, 8 Quarryville, 14 Dancing Fantasy, 20 Keith's Girl.

4.0: SOUTEMEAD STAKES 3-Y-O £2,344 1m 3f 150y (6)

8 0-25544 Deo Bagh, P. Cole, 8-11 G. Baxter [illegible]
13 000-0 Hawser, M. [illegible], 8-11 [illegible]
15 0-02 Inuit Dancer, B. Hills, 8-11 [illegible]
21 2-3 Tyro Prince, G. Harwood, 8-11 A. Clark 6
23 00 Carrives, H. [illegible], 8-8 J. Matthias 2
25 Cider Vs Crystal, N. Vigors, 8-8 P. Cook [illegible]

S.P. FORECAST: 13-8 Inuit Dancer, 7-2 Deo Bagh, 4 Tyro Prince, 7 Carrives, 8 Cider Vs Crystal, 16 [illegible].

4.30: OAKHILL SELLING STAKES (Div. II) £845 1m 8y (10)

2 0-00420 Spy's Right (BL), J. M. Bradley, 4 8-11 R. Fox [illegible]
8 0 Petite Mirage, J. Bosley, 4 8-8 [illegible]
11 00/ Thistlefield, C. J. Hill, 4 8-4 G. Baxter 7
12 0310-00 New Central, M. Blanshard, 3 7-13 N. Adams (5) 2
13 010-000 Seila Thims (C), R. Hodges, 3 7-13 — 3
15 00- Bullroarer, D. H. Jones, 3 7-11 — 5
20 0-00003 Marsoom, [illegible], 3 7-11 A. McGlone [illegible]
23 30 Sway, R. Simpson, 3 7-11 E. Johnson 10
25 00-0000 Gay Princess (BL), C. N. Williams, 3 7-8 W. Woods (5) 3
26 Imperial Deena, R. Stevens, 3 7-8 P. Payne (7) [illegible]

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 New Central, 3 Sway, 11-2 Spy's Right, Marsoom, 7 Seila Thims, 10 Petite Mirage, 14 others.

5.0: WESTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES 2-Y-O £1,240 5f 167y (10)

2 Regency Square, P. [illegible], 8-8 R. Guest 5
4 Another Executive, D. Sasse, 8-8 D. McKay 7
5 02 Code Of Conduct, D. Arbuthnot, 8-6 P. Cook 2
7 Grey Dragon, W. G. Turner, 8-6 A. Dicks (7) 3
9 552 Mischievous Lad, Mrs G. [illegible], 8-6 W. Woods (5) 8
10 0 No Stopping, R. Hannon, 8-6 A. McGlone 4
11 2 Red Zulu, R. Hobbs, 8-6 G. Baxter 6
14 02 Another Glamgram, M. Haynes, 8-3 A. Clark 1
16 00 Hello My Sweet, D. Elsworth, 8-3 R. Fox 10
17 00 Lisakats, M. McCourt, 8-3 M. Lynch (7) 9

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Code Of Conduct, 100-30 Red Zulu, 9-2 Mischievous Lad, 6 No Stopping, [illegible], 8 Another Glamgram, 10 Another Executive, 14 others.

5.30: KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP 3-Y-O £2,515 1m 5f 12y (5)

2 021-043 Shahdiza, M. Stoute, 9-7 P. Cook 5
5 0132 Folk Dance (BF) I. Balding, 9-2 J. Matthias 3
6 00-24 Swift Ascent, G. Balding, 8-13 J. Williams 4
12 40000 Sedgewell Lady, M. Usher, 7-7 J. Carter (7) 2
13 000 Flame Flower, N. Kernick, 7-7 D. McKay 1

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Folk Dance, 11-4 Shahdiza, 7-2 Swift Ascent, 10 Sedgewell Lady, 25 Flame Flower.

HAYDOCK PARK RACECARD

HOTSPUR	FORM
1.30—Absent Lover	1.30—Arges
2. 0—Graecia Magna	2. 0—Graecia Magna
2.30—Clanrallier	2.30—Pikes Peak
3. 5—Runaway	3. 5—Runaway
3.35—Choire Mhor	3.35—Akaaleel
4. 5—Empty Chest	4. 5—Empty Chest

EFFECT OF DRAW: Low numbers slightly favoured on round course; no advantage on straight course.

Advance official going: GOOD TO FIRM

1.30: POLYCELL-WILLIE CARSON APPRENTICE CHALLENGE HANDICAP (Round 7) Penalty Value £2,472 1¼m 131y (6 declared)

1 211312 Absent Lover (BF), F. Yardley, 4 9-10 F. Scobie 2
2 422-000 Pagan Sun, A. Bailey, 4 9-1 Heather Queen (3) 5
3 0-25030 Nagarro (BL), S. Norton, 5 8-11 J. Murray (3) 6
4 0040/0 Take A Card, Mrs J. Ramsden, 6 8-9 D. Williams 4
5 31-0000 Sanapa's Owlet, A. Jarvis, 4 8-5 J. Todd (5) 3
6 000-302 Arges, R. Hollinshead, 4 8-4 P. Cecil (3) 1

S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Absent Lover, 9-4 Arges, 8 Sanapa's Owlet, 15-2 Pagan Sun, 10 Nagarro, 16 Take A Card.

2.0: LANCASHIRE OAKS 3-Y-O Fillies £24,584 1½m (8)

2 104-33 Consolation, W. Hern, 8-11 W. Carson 3
3 120 Grace Note, I. Balding, 8-11 G. Duffield 2
4 2221-02 Graecia Magna, G. Harwood, 8-11 G. Starkey 6
5 1-41 Mary Davies, H. Cecil, 8-11 N. Day 8
6 13-00 Morning Devotion, M. Stoute, 8-11 B. Thomson 5
8 1-100 Que Sympatica, R. Boss, 8-11 P. Robinson 7
10 03-0101 Romantic Feeling (D), B. Hills, 8-11 R. Street 4
11 431 Shadywood, H. Cecil, 8-11 Paul Eddery 1

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Graecia Magna, 11-4 Mary Davies, 8 Que Sympatica, Romantic Feeling, Shadywood, 10 Grace Note, 12 Morning Devotion, 14 Consolation.

2.30: OLD NEWTON CUP (Handicap) £15,365 1½m (10)

2 11200-4 Forest Of Dean (D), H. Candy, 4 9-10 G. Duffield 7
5 0-43300 Corinth, I. Balding, 4 9-5 G. Starkey 9
7 400-042 Lake Valentina, B. Hills, 4 8-8 S. Dawson (3) 5
10 12-0340 Russian Noble, M. Stoute, 4 8-5 Paul Eddery 2
11 30-1111 Clanrallier (CD), J. W. Watts, 5 8-3 B. Thomson 3
12 001100 Estoc (C) (D), S. Norton, 4 8-2 J. Lowe 6
13 1441-01 Pike's Peak (D), Miss S. Hall, 4 8-1 K. Hodgson 4
15 044400 Regal Steel (CD), R. Hollinshead, 7 7-10 W. Ryan 10
16 300000 Old Hubert (D), A. Bailey, 4 7-9 G. Carter (5) 1
17 0204-13 Arachova (D), J. FitzGerald, 4 7-8 I. Charnock 8

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Clanrallier, 7-2 Pike's Peak, 4 Lake Valentina, 6 Russian Noble, 10 Forest Of Dean, 12 Corinth, Arachova, 14 others.

3.5: COCK OF THE NORTH STAKES 2-Y-O £8,610 6f (8)

1 114 Lochonica, A. Jarvis, 9-0 W. Carson 7
2 211 Prince Preadillo, W. Haigh, 9-0 R. Cochrane 8
5 0511 Mahogany Run (D), M. H. Easterby, 9-11 [illegible] 1
6 01 Mihaarb (D), Thomson Jones, 8-11 R. Hills 4
9 141112 Runaway (CD), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 S. Perks 3
11 21221 Viltash, I. Etherington, 8-11 M. Wood 6
12 1 Dream Chaser (D), P. Kelleway, 8-8 L. Johnsey 5
14 1310 Lammastide, J. W. Watts, 8-8 B. Thomson 2

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Runaway, 5 Mihaarb, 5 Viltash, 15-2 Dream Chaser, 15-2 Lochonica, 12 Prince Preadillo, Lammastide, 14 Mahogany Run.

3.35: JULY MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES 2-Y-O £5,064 6f (10)

1 2 Akaaleel, Thomson Jones, 8-11 R. Hills 5
4 Below Stairs, E. Carter, 8-11 Wendy Carter (7) 3
8 2 Choire Mhor (BF), H. Cecil, 8-11 Paul Eddery 7
9 00 Country Carnival, W. Haigh, 8-11 M. Wood 1
12 Dosa Queen, A. Jarvis, 8-11 R. Cochrane 2
15 0 Molly Partridge, J. Wilson, 8-11 S. Perks 4
17 4 Queen Of Swords, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 W. Ryan 9
19 Secret Wedding, W. Hern, 8-11 W. Carson 8
21 Stedham, H. Candy, 8-11 G. Duffield 6
22 54 Sugarbird (BF), R. Hanbury, 8-11 G. Starkey 10

S.P. FORECAST: 4-7 Akaaleel, 5-2 Choire Mhor, 8 Secret Wedding, 12 Sugarbird, 14 Queen Of Swords, 20 others.

4.5: SYDNEY SANDON HANDICAP 3-Y-O £4,012 7f 40y (6)

2 01-230 Bulrush, W. Hern, 9-7 W. Carson 5
4 03-0002 Try Nordan, M. Camacho, 9-5 E. Hide 3
10 44-2201 Empty Chest, G. Pritchard-Gordon, 8-3 G. Duffield 4
11 200000 Pheon, G. Huffer, 8-4 [illegible] 1
12 04-4231 Run In Hand (BL), J. W. Watts, 8-3 N. Connorton 6
13 2220-40 Safe Custody, G. Hunter, 7-11 [illegible] 2

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Empty Chest, 3 Run In Hand, 4 Bulrush, Try Nordan, 10 Safe Custody, 12 Pheon.

Beverley fields and SP guide

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Derrytop	2.15—Weloveyouwednesday
2.45—Coincidental	2.45—Puccini
3.15—Keep the Thought	3.15—Knight Hospitaller
3.45—Kuwait Night	3.45—Bucklow Hill
4.15—Al Mundhir	4.15—Nonsense
4.45—Formatune	4.45—Chase Paperchase
5.15—Hyperion Prince	5.15—Be My Wings

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers best at 5f

Advance official going: FIRM

2.15: LAIR GATE SELLING STAKES 2-Y-O Penalty Value £936 7f (12 declared)

1 000031 Weloveyouwednesday, G. M. Moore, 9-4 K. P. Elliott 10
2 4000 Anderby, W. Wharton, 8-11 E. Guest (5) 5
6 Forever Young, M. Lambert, 8-11 D. Oldham 3
8 000 Montbergis, P. Kelleway, 8-11 Gay Kelleway (5) 4
9 004 Nippy Chippy (BL), M. W. Easterby, 8-11 D. Nicholls 8
12 0005 Willows Lad, K. Stone, 8-11 C. Dwyer 7
15 0225 Derrytop, M. H. Easterby, 8-8 M. Birch 11
16 000 Folly Again, T. Fairhurst, 8-8 P. Shrimpton 6
17 000 Judys Desire, W. Bentley, 8-8 J. Reid 1
18 004 Miss Beswick, G. Gray, 8-8 O. Gray 12
19 0000 Skelton, M. W. Easterby, 8-8 M. Hindley (5) 2
22 40 Wollow Bird, J. FitzGerald, 8-8 S. Keightley 9

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Weloveyouwednesday, 3 Derrytop, 4 Willows Lad, 8 Anderby, 10 Wollow Bird, 12 others.

2.45: NORTH BAR WITHIN HANDICAP 3-Y-O £2,068 5f (8)

1 433420 Coincidental (CD), M. Lambert, 9-7 D. Oldham 7
2 022110 Puccini (D), R. Armstrong, 9-6 G. Sexton 1
3 03-1000 Piano Man (BL) (D), K. Brassey, 9-2 J. Reid 4
4 31-0 Belle Marina (D), M. H. Easterby, 9-2 M. Birch 5
5 030430 Hi-Hunsley (D), C. Booth, 8-12 R. Lines (3) 2
6 000-000 Workaday (CD), C. Gray, 8-12 O. Gray 8
9 00-0030 Boarding House, K. Stone, 7-10 A. Proud 3
12 0040-00 Pentoff, D. Chapman, 7-7 S. P. Griffiths (5) 6

S.P. FORECAST: 11-10 Puccini, 7-2 Coincidental, 9-2 Piano Man, 8 Boarding House, 10 Belle Marina, 16 others.

3.15: MILLERS MILE £5,292 1m (9)

1 00 Cheltenham Fun, H. Collingridge, 3 9-6 M. Rimmer 2
4 04 Elegant Model, B. Wilkinson, 4 9-3 C. Dwyer 4
5 00 Just Why, K. Cunningham-Brown, 4 9-3 A. Proud 3
6 04 Accident Prone (BF), P. Calver, 3 8-8 M. Fry 5
9 00-0324 Knight Hospitaller (BL), C. Nelson, 3 8-8 J. Reid 8
11 200-320 Signore Odone, M. H. Easterby, 3 8-8 M. Birch 9
13 320-04 A Peal Supreme, J. FitzGerald, 3 8-5 K. Darley 1
14 200-004 Darult, J. Etherington, 3 8-5 — 7
15 2 Keep The Thought (BF), M. Stoute, 3 8-5 A. Kimberley 6

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Keep The Thought, 100-30 Knight Hospitaller, 4 Signore Odone, 10 A Peal Supreme, 14 others.

3.45: SWANLAND HANDICAP £1,318 1½m (11)

1 020-200 Bucklow Hill (CD), J. FitzGerald, 8 10-0 M. Hindley (5) 11
3 70-0 Kuwait Night (D), G. Huffer, 4 8-13 M. Rimmer 2
5 000044 Apple Wine (CD), D. Chapman, 8 8-6 D. Nicholls 4
6 000044 Legal Lad (BL) P. Rohan, 4 8-1 N. Carlisle 6
7 0-03000 Height of Summer, D. Arbuthnot, 4 8-1 K. Darley 5
8 0-00000 Sea Reppin, J. Leigh, 5 7-13 A. Shoults (5) 3
9 40040/0- Rhinestone Cowboy, A. Madwar, 6 7-9 P. D'Arcy 9
10 00-1425 Earl's Court (D), R. Francis, 9 7-9 S. Webster 7
11 00-00 Welsh Beacon, G. Lewis, 3 7-7 M. L. Thomas 3
13 050-000 Inspired, M. Chapman, 5 7-7 — 10
14 000-000 Ouditair Boy (BL), K. Stone, 3 7-7 A. Proud 1

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Bucklow Hill, 4 Apple Wine, 5 Kuwait Night, 13-2 Earls Court, 8 Welsh Beacon, 12 Legal Lad, 16 others.

4.15: EAST RIDING YEOMANRY CHALLENGE TROPHY (Amateur Riders) £972 1½m (5)

2 10-1504 Al Mundhir (D), Thomson Jones, 4 12-2 T. Thomson-Jones 2
3 111221 Nonsense (D), S. Norton, 4 12-2 Sandy Brook (5) 3
12 Gold Caste, K. Morgan, 8 11-13 Pauline Hall (5) 1
15 Magnox, N. Chamberlain, 4 11-1 S. Cunningham (5) 4
16 200/00-0 Pershins, J. Leigh, 4 11-1 Jennie Goulding 5

S.P. FORECAST: 4-6 Nonsense, 11-8 Al Mundhir, 25 others.

4.45: WOOD LANE MAIDEN STAKES 3-Y-O £1,272 5f (12)

1 44-0003 Easy Day (BL), E. Eldin, 9-0 A. Mackay 8
2 0-2 Formatune, D. Arbuthnot, 9-0 J. Reid 12
3 00-00 Mr Kan (BL), F. Carr, 9-0 S. Morris 6
5 3420-00 Chase Paperchase, R. Armstrong, 8-11 G. Sexton 1
7 000-00 Davill, J. Winter, 8-11 A. Kimberley 11
9 000-000 Ebor Gray, J. Mulhall, 8-11 — 5
13 00 Golden Salvo, D. O'Donnell, 8-11 — 7
14 000-0 Guest Image, G. Lewis, 8-11 M. L. Thomas 3
15 No Bello, G. Fletcher, 8-11 A. Bond 2
16 40-00 Up She Goes, J. Leigh, 8-11 D. Nicholls 10
17 00-0020 Via Vitae, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 R. Lappin (7) 9
18 00-00 Warthill Lady, M. Brittain, 8-11 B. Coogan 4

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Formatune, 7-2 Chase Paperchase, 4 Easy Day, 13-2 Via Vitae, 8 Guest Image, 12 Davill, 16 others.

5.15: KELDGATE HANDICAP £1,575 2m (10)

4 00-0040 Be My Wings (BL), G. Lewis, 4 9-7 M. L. Thomas 6
6 0-000 Rocas, R. Houghton, 4 9-7 J. Reid 1
7 02000-0 ABC Superstar, R. Francis, 4 9-4 S. Webster 2
8 00010 Musical Mystery (D), R. Boss, 3 9-3 E. Guest (5) 3
9 0-40003 Tipo Style, P. Bevan, 4 9-1 — 9
10 00-0500 Tudor Singer, D. Leslie, 4 9-0 M. Rimmer 4
14 000000- Valdamora, K. Morgan, 4 8-3 A. Proud 5
15 0-00303 Hyperion Prince, W. Wharton, 4 8-0 A. Mackay 7
17 0-04000 Reiko Ruler, M. Brittain, 3 7-13 K. Darley 8
18 0-00400 Mount Ephraim (BL), G. Harman, 5 7-11 S. P. Griffiths (5) 10

S.P. FORECAST: 3 Hyperion Prince, 7-2 Be My Wings, 4 Musical Mystery, 6 Rocas, 8 ABC Superstar, 10 Tipo Style, 16 others.

FRENCH FIELD
SAINT-CLOUD TOMORROW

GRAND PRIX DE SAINT-CLOUD £106,169 1m 4½f: Kirmann 4-9-8 (S. Cauthen); Welnor 4-9-8 (L. Piggott); Iron Ido 5-9-8 (C. Asmussen); Seismic Wave 4-9-8 (W. Carson); Strawberry Road 6-9-8 (Y. Saint-Martin); Fabuleux 4-9-5 (doubtful); Treizeme 4-9-5 (F. Head); Saint Estephe 3-8-9 (doubtful); Premier Role 3-8-9 (M. Philipperon).

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are:
NOTTINGHAM.—6.45, Par Savvy; 8.25, Maftir.
SANDOWN PARK.—None.
HAYDOCK PARK.—1.30, Nagarro.
BATH.—2.0, Buckhorn Weston; 2.30, Youthful Momentum.
BEVERLEY.—2.15, Nippy Chippy; 4.45, Mr Kan; 5.15, Be My Wings.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

HAYDOCK PARK.—1.30: Absent Lover; 2.0: [illegible]; 2.30: Clanrallier; 3.5: Dream Chaser; 3.35: Akaaleel; 4.5: Bulrush.
BEVERLEY.—2.15: Derrytop; [illegible]; 5.15: Hyperion Prince.
SANDOWN PARK.—4.5: Rushmoor.

Tonight's Nottingham programme

HOTSPUR	FORM
6.15—Mr McGregor	6.15—Wild Hope
6.45—Highdale	6.45—Bob and Peter
7.15—Middlesex	7.15—Reyah
7.55—Blue Eyed Boy	7.55—Bold Arrangement
8.25—Maftir	8.25—Cut In
8.55—Bakers Delight	8.55—Alallah

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers slightly favoured up to 6f

Advance official going: FIRM

6.15: MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY HANDICAP Penalty Value £1,380 1m 50y (6 declared)

1 500010 Sams Wood (BL), T. Fairhurst, 4 9-12 (5lb ex) M. Birch 6
3 0200-03 Wild Hope, G. Huffer, 4 9-0 G. Carter (5) 3
4 252-034 Mr McGregor (BL), B. Hobbs, 3 8-12 Paul Eddery 4
7 005-000 Arckaringa, D. Morley, 4 8-11 G. Duffield 5
11 320-444 Gracious Homes (BL), D. H. Jones, 4 8-5 G. Sexton 2
13 00-0401 Dominion Blue (C), J. Spearing, 4 7-12 W. Carson 1

S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Wild Hope, 5-2 Sams Wood, 4 Gracious Homes, 13-2 Mr McGregor, 10 Dominion Blue, 20 Arckaringa.

6.45: JIM GOLD SELLING HANDICAP 3-Y-O £544 1¼m (9)

3 00-0000 Pleasant Ways, A. Balding, 9-7 J. Balding 3
5 0-0000 Pinwiddie, P. Rohan, 9-5 L. Charnock 6
7 002000 Highdale, B. Stevens, 9-1 P. Bloomfield 5
8 000-00 Sweetwater Lass, D. H. Jones, 9-0 S. Dawson (5) 2
10 00-0000 Ashbocking, K. Stone, 8-10 G. Brown (5) 8
11 00-000 Hot March (BL), C. Spares, 8-10 N. Carson (7) 1
12 00-0030 Par Savvy (BL), M. Tompkins, 8-9 G. Duffield 7
13 4B-0004 Bob And Peter, J. Douglas-Home, 8-8 R. Cochrane 9
14 0-00000 Hixem, D. Chapman, 8-8 D. Nicholls 4

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Ashbocking, 3 Bob And Peter, 9-2 Highdale, 13-2 Pleasant Ways, 8 Par Savvy, 12 Pinwiddie, 14 others.

7.15: CHARITY NIGHT STAKES 3-Y-O £1,380 1m 50y (5)

1 3134-30 Middlesex, B. Hills, 9-8 M. Brennan (7) 1
6 Reyah, Thomson Jones, 9-5 A. Murray 2
7 01304-0 Top Of The League, P. Cole, 9-1 T. Quinn 3
12 500-0 Fawley's Girl, R. Hollinshead, 8-11 W. Ryan 5
17 420-000 Theresa, G. Blum, 8-11 G. Duffield 4

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Reyah, 7-4 Middlesex, 3 Top Of The League, 16 Fawley's Girl, 20 Theresa.

7.55: D S I STAKES 2-Y-O £1,380 6f (5)

2 1 Bold Arrangement (D), C. Brittain, 9-1 P. Robinson 5
7 2 Blue Eyed Boy, M. Stoute, 8-11 A. Kimberley 4
11 Murphy's Wheels, A. Jarvis, 8-11 D. Nicholls 3
16 Tanias Dad, C. Spares, 8-11 D. Gibson 2
17 00 Take A Break, D. Laing, 8-8 W. Carson 1

S.P. FORECAST: 10-11 Blue Eyed Boy, 15-8 Bold Arrangement, 10 Murphy's Wheels, 16 Take A Break, 25 Tanias Dad.

8.25: MAYNE NICKLESS HANDICAP 3-Y-O £1,380 6f (11)

1 400-041 Cut In (D), R. Armstrong, 9-8 W. Carson 6
2 00-1000 Pommes Chateau (D), H. Collingridge, 9-5 M. Rimmer 11
4 024214 Glen Glory (D), D. Chapman, 8-12 D. Nicholls 3
7 300-0 Chapman, H. Candy, 8-10 G. Duffield 2
8 044200 Foolish Touch (D), K. Stone, 8-10 C. Dwyer 10
12 000-340 Valrach, R. Hollinshead, 8-7 W. Ryan 4
15 0-01004 Ma Mimi, Mrs N. Macauley, 8-4 A. Mackay 7
22 00-0003 Maftir (BL), M. Lambert, 7-12 D. Oldham 1
26 020000 Abla Maybeh, G. Games, 7-10 G. Carter (5) 9
30 332000 Hopeful Katie, D. Leslie, 7-7 M. Fry 8
31 00-3000 Helen Shikari, G. Blum, 7-7 A. Proud 5

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Cut In, 9-2 Glen Glory, 11-2 Foolish Touch, 7 Maftir, 10 Pommes Chateau, Hopeful Katie, 14 others.

8.55: COMPUTA GUARD MAIDEN STAKES 3-Y-O £684 5f (14)

2 0 Brians Bazaar, O. O'Neill, 9-0 L. Johnsey 9
5 00000- Prince Raccara, A. Jarvis, 9-0 D. Nicholls 4
6 0 Reindeer Walk, G. Huffer, 9-0 G. Carter (5) 13
8 000 African Flight, P. Kelleway, 8-11 Gay Kelleway (5) 8
9 00 Alallah, G. Lewis, 8-11 P. Waldron 14
10 Bakers Delight, H. Cecil, 8-11 Paul Eddery 10
11 043-000 Blue Scholar, E. Eldin, 8-11 A. Mackay 6
12 0030 Charisma Music, D. Laing, 8-11 J. Reid 12
14 20-0004 Clubs Gold (BL), J. Etherington, 8-11 M. Birch 3
15 0-0 Craddle Point, J. Douglas-Home, 8-11 R. Cochrane 11
16 C0-0 Crimson Dawn, A. Balding, 8-11 S. Perks 7
20 0000 Lady Sequola, A. Balding, 8-11 E. Guest (3) 2
25 4000 Shiny Rebel, B. Stevens, 8-11 P. Bloomfield 5
36 000-000 Nleadi, D. Laing, 8-11 W. Carson 3

S.P. FORECAST: 6-5 Bakers Delight, 11-4 Alallah, 5 Reindeer Walk, 8 African Flight, 12 Charisma Music, 16 others.

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS AND SP

SANDOWN PARK
Going: FIRM

2.0: WAYFOONG STKS 2-Y-O Penalty Value £4,920 5f.
MEASURING ch f Moorestyle—Devon Night (G. Strawbridge) 8-13 P. Eddery 100-30 1
SPERRY ch c Stanford—Ructious (Yahya Nasib) 9-2 J. Mercer ... 8-11F 2
CUPID'S SONG ch c Song—Devoted (J. Smith) 9-2 R. Cochrane ... 5-2 3
3 ran. 2l, 5l. 1m 3·04s (I. Balding, Kingsclere). Tote: Win, £2·50; Dual F'cast, £1·80. SPSF: £5·85. NRs: Oh Boyar, Restore.

2.35: INCHCAPE MDN FILLIES' STKS 2-Y-O £4,012 7f.
TENDER LOVING CARE ch f Final Straw—Silk Stocking (Pioneer Bloodstock Farm Ltd) 8-11 B. Thomson ... 6-1 1
KEY TO THE KEEP b f Troy—Hide The Key (P. Mellon) 8-11 Eddery ... 9-2 2
WELL PLANTED ch f Thatch—Misplanted (Gulting Stud Ltd) 8-11 M. Hills ... 25-1 3
Also: 7-2F Lyson Lady (6th), 7 Carribean Sound (5th), 8 Consulta (4th), 16 Rosi Noa, 20 [illegible]. 9 ran. 1l, 3l, 1l, 3l, 5l. 1m 30·21s. (B. Hills, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £5·30; Places, £1·50, £2·00, £6·60; Dual F'cast, £4·70. PSF £28·70.

3.5: ROYAL HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY (H'CAP) £5,671 1¼m
IROKO, gr c De de Bourbon—Slipstream (Mrs A. Plesch) 3 8-12 P. Eddery ... 9-2 1
KILLARY BAY, b g Connaught—Duchess of Man (R. Gomersall) 3 7-12 A. Mackay ... 11-2 2
BIT OF TIME, br g Bay Express—Brilliant Rosy (A. Chapman) 4 9-5 R. Curant ... 8-1 3
Also: 4F Chieftain (4th), 7 Keiro, 8 The Game's Up (5th), 12 Adisa..., Gunner Girl (6th), 16 Get The Message. 9 ran. [illegible] 2m 8·20s. (M. Stoute, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £4·50; places, £1·60, £1·10, £2·10; Dual F'cast: £27·90; PSF: £25·72.

3.40: GRE H'CAP 3-Y-O £5,882 1m
ON PATROL, b f Imperial Fling—Run the Risk (Mrs P. Lemos) 8-11 P. Robinson ... 15-2 1
TORQUEMADA, ch c Try My Best—Star Face (R. St George) 8-8 P. Eddery ... 15-8 2
QUIET RIOT, b c Hotfoot—Tuyenu (R. Arculli) 8-7 L. Piggott ... 6-5F 3
Also: 7-1 Moulik (6th), 14 Brown Bear Boy (4th), 33 Eastern Mariner (5th). 6 ran. 2l, 4l, 1½l, 2l, 15l. 1m 43·58sec. (C. Brittain, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £11·70; places, £3·50, £1·70; Dual F'cast: £16·10. SPSF: £31·20.

4.10: JARDINE H'CAP £6,511 5f
ALL AGREED, b g Jaazeiro—Tynwalk Hill (T. Waterman) 4 8-0 T. Quinn ... 14-1 1
WOODFOLD, br f Saritamer—Beryl's Jewel (Mrs J. Redmond) 4 7-7 A. Mackay ... 25-1 2
ARDROX LAD, ch g Roi Soleil—Petalina (H. E. Sheikh Hazza Bin Sayed Al Nahayan) 5 8-8 N. Adams ... 13-2 3
CHAPLINS CLUB, ch g Parade Of Stars—Nautical Rose (P. Savill) 5 8-2 Paul Eddery ... 7-2F 3
Also: 13-2 Alpine Strings (6th), 9 Happy Hannah, 10 Ferryman, Singing Sailor, 14 Shamless Style, Free Range, 16 Young Inca (5th), 20 Camerolin. 12 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, dd-ht, ¾l, sh hd. 1m 1·54sec. (J. Winter, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £20·30; places, £5·00, £11·60, Ardrox Lad 70p, Chaplins Club 60p. Dual F'cast: £434. SPSF: £952·89. Tricast: All Agreed, Woodfold, Ardrox Lad £1,113·74, All Agreed, Woodfold, Chaplins Club £671·71. NR: John Patrick.

4.40: YEAR O THE OX MAIDEN STKS 3-Y-O £5,253 1¼m
CADMIUM ch c Niniski—Bold Blue (Gulting Stud Ltd) 9 0 T. Quinn ... 13-8F 1
FIVE FARTHINGS b f Busted—Great Tom (The Snailwell Stud Co Ltd) 8 11 B. Rouse ... 6-1 2
ANA WASSLAAWI b c State Dinner—Glenart (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) 9 0 M. Hills ... 5-1 3
Also: 5 Archipenko, 7 Arjasium (4th), 12 Tracing, 20 Bailler, Cannon Heath (6th), 33 Amigo Estimado (5th), 66 Shangalong. 10 ran. Nk, 4l, sh hd, 6l, 5l. 2m 5·79sec. (P. Cole, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £3·40; Places, £1·60, £1·40, £1·50; Dual F'cast: £5·40. SPSF: £11·74. NR: Maid Mariner.

JACKPOT: Not won. Pool, £847·62 carried forward to today. PLACEPOT: £25·65.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

None of the horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow is engaged today.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Rainbow Quest (2.55 Sandown Park) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

HAYDOCK PARK
Going: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 (6f): Mrs Naughty (R. Fox, 2-1JF) 1; Titan Aces (J. Williams, 12-1) 2; [illegible] (A. Murray, 2-1JF) 3. Also: 11-2 Dawn [illegible], Sister Nancy (4th), 10 Eastern Oasis (5th), 25 Allisterdansheid (6th), Boxers Girl, Miss Lee Tee. 9 ran. 2½l, 2½l, 1½l, 4l. 1m 18·08s (W. Wharton, Melton Mowbray). Tote: Win, £3·30; places, £1·10, £2·50, £1·50; Dual F'cast, £16·20. SPSF, £25·85. Winner bought in 4,400 gns.

2.45 (5f h'cap): Spacemaker Boy (A. Bond, 7-1) 1; King Charlemagne (A. Shoults, 4-1) 2; Celtic Bird (E. Guest, 85-40F) 3. Also: 13-2 Durandal (4th), 8 Russian Winter, Italian Secret (5th), 12 Sangue-Klang (6th), Conrara, 16 Sully's Choice. 9 ran. 1½l, 3l, 4l, 1½l, 2½l. 1m 1·12s. (G. Fletcher, Melton Mowbray). Tote: Win, £8·50; Places, £2·30, £1·30, £1·60. Dual F'cast, £15·80. SPSF, £33·79.

3.15 (1½m h'cap): El-Fayez (G. Carter, 8-10F) 1; Key Royal (D. Nicholls, 11-8) 2. 2 ran. 2l. 2m 45·25s. (G. Huffer, Newmarket). Tote: Win £1·50.

3.45 (6f): Oriental Soldier (R. Hills, 9-2) 1; Boulters Lock (A. Murray, 9-2) 2; Dark Promise (S. Perks, 6-1) 3. Also: 5-2F Edgewise (4th), Framlington Court, 14 Indian Reel, 16 Capricorn Blue (6th), 20 Spring Wisdom (5th), 50 Bold Answer, Follywood, Rocks Prince. 11 ran. 1½l, 3l, 4l, 1l, hd. 1m 16·85s (B. Hills, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £5·10; Places, £2·00, £1·50, £2·50; Dual F'cast, £7·80. SPSF, £26·23.

4.15 (7f 40y): Nuravia (S. Clark, 9-4) 1; Gorgeous Princess (S. Perks, 11-1) 2; Sweet Explanation (L. Charnock, 50-1) 3. Also: 4-9F Khandiar (4th), 100 Arctid Girl. 5 ran. 2l, 2½l, 1l. 1m 33·15s (G. Harwood, Pulborough). Tote: Win, £3·40; Places, £1·20, £1·60. Dual F'cast, £9·30. SPSF, £19·51.

4.45 (2m 28y h'cap): The Liquidator (S. Cauthen, Evens F) 1; Singer's Tryst (R. Fox, 7-1) 2; [illegible] (T. Carter, 10-1) 3. Also: 10 [illegible] (4th), Crisp And Keen (5th). 5 ran. 3l, 1½l, 4l. 3m 39·65s. (G. Pipe, Wellington). Tote: Win, £1·90; Places, £1·40; Dual F'cast, £1·50. SPSF: £3·27.

PLACEPOT: £28·05.

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Motor Racing

INJURED SENNA IS STILL ABLE TO BLAZE THE TRAIL

By BRIAN ALLEN at Le Castellet

FOR the fifth time in seven outings Ayrton Senna is threatening to snatch pole position for tomorrow's French Grand Prix, at Le Castellet.

Despite discomfort from a wrist sprained when he crashed in the recent Detroit Grand Prix, the brilliant Brazilian hurled his J P S Lotus round the 3·6 miles Paul Ricard circuit for a fastest-ever one minute 32·8 seconds lap, fractionally under 140 mph.

The other Detroit casualty, Nigel Mansell, gave a hero's performance for the seventh quickest time in his Williams-Honda.

With his heavily swollen right hand heavily bandaged and sprayed with pain killer, he produced a doughty effort, especially commendable since his mechanics had to replace his engine between sessions but had to retain the original gear ratios.

The third "invalid," Stefan Johansson, recovering from chicken pox, said he felt fit, but both he and his Ferrari team-mate Michele Alboreto were suffering *from* medicore *handling* and poor aerodynamics which put them down the field.

Boosted by his Detroit victory, Keke Rosberg has his Williams-Honda in second place, though 6/10th of a second behind the flying Senna.

Faster circuit

Clearly much happier on a faster circuit, the Marlboro McLaren drivers Alain Prost and Niki Lauda are third and fourth so far.

Unlike most major rivals, they are still not using qualifying engines but modifications to the front suspension and improved aerodynamics are paying dividends.

With the fastest cars touching over 200 m.p.h. down the long straight, aerodynamics are all-important, and Nelson Piquet boosted Brabham spirits with fifth quickest time in his "sling-shot" BT54.

Practice times

A. Senna (Brazil) Lotus 1-32·835; K. Rosberg (Finland) Williams 1-33·484; A. Prost (France) McLaren 1-33·547; N. Lauda (Austria) McLaren 1-33·860; N. Piquet (Brazil) Brabham 1-33·981; E. de Angelis (Italy) Lotus 1-34·022; N. Mansell (G.B.) Williams 1-34·191; G. Berger (Austria) Arrows 1-34·674; P. Tambay (France) Renault 1-34·620; D. Warwick (G.B.) Renault 1-34·976; M. Alboreto (Italy) Ferrari 1-35·421; M. Surer (Switz) Brabham 1-35·372. British: M. Brundle, Tyrrell 1-40·486; J. Palmer, Zakspeed, 1-40·498.

Motor-Cycling

Belgian track still cause for concern

By JOHN COLES in Francorchamps, Belgium

RIDERS were still far from happy with the conditions of the recently resurfaced Francorchamps circuit after yesterday's first two official qualifying sessions for tomorrow's Belgian Grand Prix.

"The circuit is still breaking up; it's like riding on marbles if you get off line," said Randy Mamola, fifth fastest with a Rothman's Honda.

"Luckily the second session today was in the wet, so speeds were not so high as they were in the morning. I really think we shall have to take a close look at the safety angle before the race."

Rothman's Honda team leader, Freddie Spencer, was the pace setter but his best speed in the dry was over three seconds down on the lap record. "As the track is I don't think I can go any faster," said Spencer.

Sarron second

Frenchman Christian Sarron was second fastest on a Yamaha with world champion Eddie Lawson on a Marlboro Yamaha third — but over three seconds behind Spencer and only a fraction ahead of Britain's Wayne Gardner.

Julia Bingham, a Nottinghamshire housewife and mother of two teenagers, broke a bone in her right foot when the Yamaha outfit which she was looking after for husband Dennis overturned in a freak accident.

The pair had made a pit stop to change plugs in an effort to stop a misfire and were going back onto the course when the rear wheel struck a damp trackside white line and spun over.

After treatment at the circuit hospital Mrs Bingham said: "It hurt a bit at first but now I hope to be racing on Sunday."

Soccer

COMPUTER OUT

Chelsea have abandoned plans to install a computerised admission system at Stamford Bridge next season.

A month ago, Chelsea signed a five-year contract worth £30,000 a year with computer company Sperry, but they have now decided that the system will not work.

Motor Racing

NEW GP DATE

The date of the 1985 Formula One World Championship Grand Prix of Europe at Brands Hatch, has been changed again from Sept. 29 to Oct. 6.

Athletics

LEWIS DROPS OUT

Injury has forced American athlete Carl Lewis, winner of *four gold medals in* last year's Los Angeles Olympics, to withdraw from three major British meetings—the A A A Championships next weekend, Peugeot/Talbot Games (July 19-20) and Edinburgh Games (July 23).

OTHER SPORT AT WEEKEND

ATHLETICS.—Pearl Assurance International: United Kingdom v E. Germany v Japan (Birmingham). London Youth Games (C. Palace).
CROQUET.—Woking T'ment: Budleigh Salterton T'ment: West Park Weekend.
LAWN TENNIS. — Lawn Tennis Ch'ships (Wimbledon): County Closed Sur Ch'ships: Notts (Notts Co Grd, Nottingham): Derbys (Derbyshire LTC, Derby); Isle of Man Closed Ch'ships (Douglas).
MOTOR SPORT. — Brands Hatch: Champion of Brands motor-cycle races (Donnlay).
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POLO.—Windsor Gt Pk (3.15).
ROAD RUNNING.—Brooks Canterbury 10km.
ROWING.—Henley Royal Regatta.
SHOOTING.—British Commonwealth RC Open (Bisley).
SPEEDWAY. — British Lge (7.30): Belle Vue v Coventry, Halifax v Ipswich, Swindon v Sheffield. Speedway Star Cup: King's Lynn v Cradley Heath (7.30). National Lge: Berwick v Middlesbrough (7 p.m.), Canterbury v Edinburgh (7), Stoke v Hackney (7.30).

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS. — Pearl Assurance International: United Kingdom v E Germany v Japan (Birmingham). London Youth Games (C Palace).
CROQUET. — Woking T'ment: West Park Weekend.
LAWN TENNIS. — Lawn Tennis Ch'ships (Wimbledon). County Closed Sur Ch'ships: Notts (Notts Co Grd, Nottingham); Derbys (Derbyshire LTC, Derby); Isle of Man Closed Ch'ships. (Albany LTC, Douglas). Glenric Huddersfield T'ment.
MOTOR SPORT. — Thruxton: Brooklands Race Day (2 p.m.). Brands Hatch: GM Dealer Sports car race day (12 pm). Snetterton: Champion of Snetterton motor-cycle races (12.30).
POLO. — Windsor Gt Pk (3.15).
ROAD RUNNING. — Thames Valley H. 10 km (11 am); Kent Open Parkland Race (Beckenham): Basingstoke Carnival 10 (12.15): Orion 10 (Chingford, 10.30): Aberdeen Half Marathon: Huddersfield Pennine Marathon; Edgware School 10 & Fun run (9.30).
ROWING. — Henley Royal Regatta.
SHOOTING. — Bisley: British Commonwealth RC Open: Comb Services Meeting.
SPEEDWAY. — National Lge (3.30): Eastbourne v. Exeter, Mildenhall v Edinburgh. Speedway Star Cup: Cradley Heath v King's Lynn (3.30). Champions Chase: Rye House (3.30). Marlboro Individual: Workington (3)

Athletics

Ovett runs at shorter distance

By KEN MAYS

STEVE OVETT, the world 1500 metres record holder who has been beaten over that distance in his last two *races*, switches to the 3000 metres when he runs for Great Britain against East Germany on the second day of the Pearl Assurance International, at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, tomorrow.

Ovett, who lost to Chris McGeorge at Gateshead last week-end and then finished behind Steve Scott of the United States in Stockholm on Tuesday, is to spend a month in training after the match, so missing the A A A championships.

The Brighton athlete is to go for 14 days high altitude training in St Moritz, Switzerland, and will then spend 10 more days in training before *making an assault* on his first major 5,000 metres.

Ovett, who won the Olympic 800 metres' title in Moscow but collapsed during last year's championships in Los Angeles, has always stressed that his intentions were to move to the 13-lap event in readiness for next year's Commonwealth and European championships.

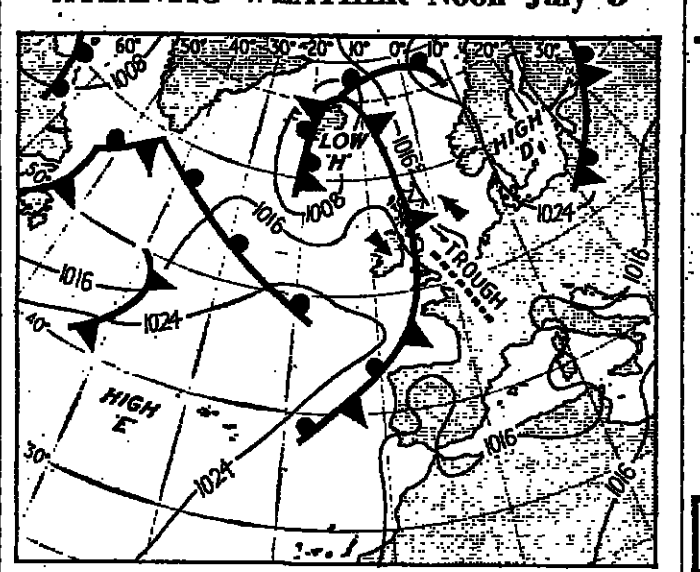
It is not yet certain where he will make his big race comeback but either Budapest or Viareggio are possibilities and could give *him a first hand idea of his prospects* in the event in 1986.

Several changes

Britain has been forced to make several changes to the side announced earlier this week for the match which begins today, with Sebastian Coe, Steve Cram and Zola Budd all missing and it could be the javelin that will provide the highlights over the next two days.

In the men's event, David Ottley, the Olympic silver medallist who had a superb win in Helsinki on Thursday, is matched against Ewe Hohn, while in the women's match, Tessa Sanderson, the Olympic champion, and Fatima Whitbread, the bronze medallist, take on the world record holder, Petra Falke and guest competitor, Tiina Lillak, of Norway, the world champion.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon July 5



Low "H" and High "D" will move north, and High "E" west.

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	s	77	25		
Akrotiri	s	81	27		
Alxndria	f	81	27		
Algiers	s	84	29		
Amstrdm	s	77	25		
Ascension	f	73	23		
Athens	s	79	26		
Bahrain	s	99	37		
*Brbados	f	84	29		
Barcelona	s	79	26		
Beirut	s	81	27		
Belfast	r	57	14		
Belgrade	f	73	23		
Berlin	s	73	23		
*Brmuda	s	84	29		
Biarritz	f	70	21		
Brmnghm	f	72	22		
Blackpool	c	63	17		
Bordeaux	c	68	20		
*Boston	f	84	29		
Boulogne	s	70	21		
Bristol	f	68	20		
Brussels	f	75	24		
Budapest	c	72	22		
*B Aires	r	48	9		
Cairo	s	86	30		
Cape T	r	54	12		
Cardiff	c	61	16		
Casblnca	f	75	24		
Cologne	s	81	27		
Copenhgn	s	73	23		
*Chicago	f	81	27		
Corfu	s	77	25		
*Dallas	s	88	31		
*Denver	s	86	30		
Dublin	c	64	18		
Dubrovnk	s	73	23		
Ednburgh	r	59	15		
Faro	s	88	31		
Florence	f	88	31		
Frankfurt	s	79	26		
Funchal	s	73	23		
Geneva	c	70	21		
Gibraltar	s	75	24		
Glasgow	r	61	16		
Guernsey	f	63	17		
Helsinki	f	70	21		
Hongkng	f	88	31		
Innsbruck	c	66	19		
Inverness	r	61	16		
I.o.M.	c	59	15		
Istanbul	s	72	22		
Jeddah	s	100	38		
Jersey	c	66	19		
Karachi	f	88	31		
Larnaca	s	82	28		
Las Pal	s	77	25		
*Lima	c	64	18		
Lisbon	s	82	28		
Locarno	f	77	25		
London	f	79	26		
*Los Ang	s	77	25		
Luxmbrg	f	72	22		
Luxor	s	102	39		
Madrid	s	88	31		
Majorca	s	90	32		
Malaga	s	82	28		
Malta	s	82	28		
Mnchestr	c	66	19		
Melborne	c	57	14		
*Mex Cty	c	68	20		
Miami	s	87	31		
Milan	s	81	27		
Montreal	s	82	28		
Moscow	f	64	18		
Munich	s	70	21		
Nairobi	c	68	20		
Naples	s	84	29		
Newcstle	r	66	19		
N Delhi	s	99	37		
New Yrk	s	79	26		
Nice	s	77	25		
Oporto	s	77	25		
Oslo	s	70	21		
Paris	f	72	22		
Peking	s	84	29		
Perth	s	66	-9		
P Stanly	r	37	3		
Prague	s	73	23		
Reykjavk	c	55	13		
Rhodes	s	79	26		
*R d Jan	s	75	24		
Riyadh	s	106	41		
Rome	c	66	19		
Salzburg	c	77	25		
*San Frn	s	68	20		
*Santiago	c	48	9		
*S Paulo	s	82	28		
Seoul	c	81	31		
Singapore	f	88	31		
Strasburg	c	73	23		
Stockhlm	f	75	24		
Sydney	s	66	19		
Tangier	s	91	33		
Tel Aviv	s	81	27		
Toronto	c	79	26		
Tokyo	c	73	23		
Tunis	s	90	32		
Valencia	s	84	29		
*Vncuver	s	70	21		
Venice	s	84	29		
Vienna	f	73	23		
Warsaw	f	68	20		
*W'shntn	f	86	30		
Zurich	c	63	17		

Key: c—cloudy, f—fair, r—rain, s—sunny.
Temps: &F&C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

LONDON READINGS

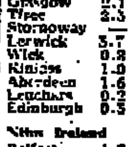
Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 82F (28C). Min temp (6 pm to 6 am.) 66F (19C). Rainfall 0·67 inch. Sunshine 5·3 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest London 82F (28C). Coldest Macrihanish 55F (13C). Wettest Honington 1·42 inches. Sunniest Isles of Scilly 10·1 hours.

HUMIDITY FORECAST

	Today Noon	6 p.m.	Tomorrow 6 a.m.
London	50(55)	45(70)	80(80)
Birmingham	55(75)	50(70)	85(95)
Manchester	60(90)	55(80)	85(80)
Newcastle	65(75)	60(80)	85(100)

Yesterday's figures in brackets.



Lighting-up time 9.49 p.m. to 4.22 a.m. Sun rises 4.51 a.m. Sets 9.19 p.m. Moon rises 11.58 p.m. Sets 10.23 a.m. tomorrow. High water at: London Bridge 5.19 a.m. (23.4ft); 5.31 p.m. (22.4ft). Dover 2.19 a.m. (20.4ft); 2.34 p.m. (20.8ft).

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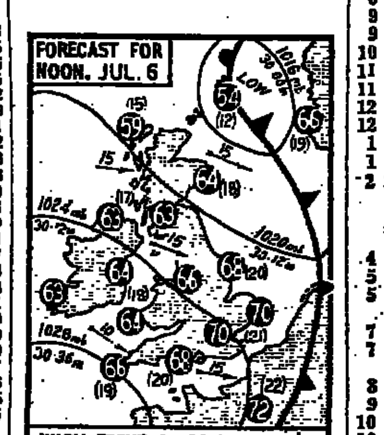

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BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temps. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Tynem'th	3.5	0.11	61	16	Rain pm
Scarboro'	3.2	—	68	20	Cloudy
Bridlington	1.7	—	68	20	Cloudy
Skegness	7.1	—	79	26	Bright
Cromer	5.6	—	73	23	Cloudy
Lowestoft	8.3	—	81	27	Bright
Clacton	5.5	—	72	22	Sun am
Margate	—	—	81	27	Sunny
Herne B.	8.4	—	81	27	Sunny
South					
Folkestone	9.3	—	72	22	Sunny
Hastings	6.7	—	70	21	Sun pm
Eastb'rne	6.6	—	73	23	Sun pm
Brighton	8.5	—	70	21	Sunny
Worthing	9.3	—	75	24	Bright
Littleh'ton	8.0	—	79	26	Sunny
Bognor	7.4	—	75	25	Sun pm
Hayling I.	5.8	—	73	24	Sun pm
Southsea	6.9	—	77	25	Sun pm
Ryde	7.0	—	79	26	Sun pm
Sandown	6.7	—	75	24	Sun pm
Shanklin	7.4	—	73	23	Sun pm
Ventnor	7.0	—	73	23	Sunny
B'mouth	5.7	0.18	77	25	Shrs pm
Poole	6.2	0.03	77	25	Bright
Swanage	8.2	0.24	75	24	Shrs am
Weymouth	8.8	—	72	23	Sunny
Exmouth	6.5	—	70	21	Sunny
Teignm'th	7.0	—	73	23	Sunny
Torquay	8.0	0.07	73	23	Sunny
Falmouth	6.3	—	66	19	Sunny
Penzance	9.8	—	68	20	Sunny
Scilly I	10.4	—	72	22	Sunny
Jersey	9.4	—	70	21	Sunny
Guernsey	9.9	—	68	20	Sunny
West					
Newquay	5.0	—	68	20	Sun pm
Ilfrac'be	2.2	0.02	64	18	Cloudy
W.-s-M.	7.0	—	72	22	Sun pm
Southport	3.9	0.12	66	19	Rain am
Morec'be	1.2	0.08	66	19	Rain am
Douglas	0.4	0.71	61	16	Cldy pm
Wales					
Prestatyn	0.4	0.25	64	18	Dull pm
Colwyn B.	1.6	0.19	64	18	Rain
Tenby	5.7	—	66	19	Sunny
Scotland					
Eskdale'r	1.1	0.11	64	18	Rain am
Prestwick	0.3	0.80	63	17	Rain am
Glasgow	2.1	0.99	63	17	Rain
Tiree	2.3	0.44	59	15	Rain
Stornoway	—	0.30	57	14	Rain
Lerwick	3.7	—	61	16	Fog am
Wick	0.3	0.13	59	15	Rain
Kinloss	1.0	0.55	63	17	Rain
Aberdeen	1.6	0.09	66	19	Rain pm
Leuchars	0.2	0.17	59	15	Rain
Edinburgh	0.5	0.18	61	16	Rain
Nthn Ireland					
Belfast	1.9	0.17	61	16	Rain

TELEVISION

SUNDAY GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6 45 a.m.-8.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY. 8.55 Play School. 9.15 Knock Knock, starting a new series of 12 programmes. 9.30 Asian Magazine.

10 00 SUNDAY WORSHIP—From Lansdowne Baptist Church, Bournemouth. 11 Never Too Late, rpt. 11.25 Business Club, rpt. 11.50 100 Great Sporting Moments: Motor Racing 1970, including that much missed, lovely circuit, Crystal Palace, rpt.

12 05 GRAND PRIX—*French* Grand Prix. From Le Castellet. 12.10 Farming: Weather. 1.5 News. 1.10 Daffy Duck, cartoon. 1.15 Bonanza: For a Young Lady, rpt. 2 EastEnders, omnibus, rpt. (Ceefax). 3 Tom and Jerry Double Bill, rpt.

3 15 "THE SPIRAL ROAD" (1962)—Rock Hudson as a young atheist and doctor sent back to 1936 in Java where he combats leprosy in remote parts with an older doctor (Burl Ives), and discovers religion. A long trek through jungle, witchcraft and cliché. 5.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years: 1956, first of a new, eight-part series recalling those times in music and world events.

6 00 GOODBYE MR. CHIPS—Sixth and last episode repeated. (Ceefax.)

6 30 NEWS, WEATHER.

6 40 HOME ON SUNDAY—Paul Jones and his wife Fiona Hendley, visited in their London home by Cliff Michelmore, plus their chosen hymns. (Ceefax.)

7 15 A ROYAL GALA PERFORMANCE—From the Playhouse Theatre, Edinburgh, in aid of the XIII Commonwealth Games Appeal Fund, attended by The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Anne. The line-up of hundreds includes Shirley Bassey, Kirk Douglas, Linda Evans, Frank Carson, Robert Hardy, Jacques Loussier, Bob Monkhouse, Tom O'Connor, Juliet Prowse, George Segal, boy treble Aled Jones, dancers, choirs, bands and a parade of sports stars. At 8.15-9 News and Weather.

10 00 THAT'S LIFE—Presented by Esther Rantzen.

10 45 CHOICES—God: What Shall We Tell the Children?: For and against a daily Christian assembly in schools, plus the added complication of other racial religions. (Wales: The Castles Story.)

11 20 GRAND PRIX—French Grand Prix. Highlights. (Wales: 11.25 Grand Prix. 11.55 Choices. 12.30 News; Weather.)

BBC-2

6 50 a.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY.

1 05 SUNDAY GRANDSTAND — Including Wimbledon. The Men's Singles Final (Ceefax), and Motor Racing, French Grand Prix. Good coverage last week of the John Player cricket match, Kent v Middlesex, from Canterbury, but no cricket this week which, for once, is understandable.

6 50 NEWS REVIEW.

7 15 ★★GREAT COLLECTORS—Sir Alfred and Lady Beit. A more concentrated film this week than last week's world-cruising pursuit of the extraordinary Forbes Empire. The Beits, whose money came originally from South African diamonds, have achieved the perfect combination of a great house (the 1740 Russborough in County Wicklow, Ireland) and a great collection of old master paintings, including works by Rubens, Goya, Velazquez, Murillo (a lovely story there about the acquisition of one from The Vatican), Frans Hals and Gainsborough, plus lovely porcelain and silver. Only 35 years ago the house was an empty shell, now there are 45 old masters, particularly strong in the Dutch School. His wife is Clementine Mitford, a cousin of the sisters, and they have been married for 46 years. Sir Alfred here an excellent guide, like a benign Professor Kingsfield.

8 05 VIKTORIA MULLOVA—The young Russian violinist at the Barbican Concert Hall, London, playing the Tchaikovsky concerto with the London Symphony Orchestra *conducted* by Maxim Shostakovich. The programme also includes the Fifth Symphony by the conductor's father.

9 40 WIMBLEDON—Match of the Day. Today's highlights.

10 45 ★"DELIVERANCE" (1972)—Hard to find a good Burt Reynolds film, but this is certainly one, violent, exciting and involving. Reynolds, Jon Voight, Ned Beatty and Ronny Cox are four city men who pit themselves against the wild forces of a Georgia river and the even wilder forces of mountain men along the route, a trip which turns into a nightmare.

12 30-12.40 MUSIC AT NIGHT—Peter Katin (piano) plays a Schumann Romance.

ITV London Weekend

6 55 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN, with Thought for a Sunday and at 7 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 *Porky Pig*, cartoons. 9.45 Swifty and Shorty, cartoons.

10 00 MORNING WORSHIP—From Avenue Methodist Church, Middlesbrough. 11 Link. 11.30 Working for a Better Life, job development. 12 Take 30: Fortune Numbers, gambling.

12 30 JOBWATCH—Audrey Hankin, office cleaner with ambitions. 1 Police Five. 1.15 The Smurfs. 1.30 Groovy Ghoulies.

2 00 ★"MASQUERADE" (1965)—Spy romp with plenty of action, usually involving Cliff Robertson getting knocked about, as British agents kidnap the prince of an Arab state with vast oil deposits. Good Jack Hawkins support in an above-average film of its type. Preceded by London News Headlines. 4 Survival of the Fittest, starting a new series on a five-day fitness challenge set in Snowdonia. 4.30 Pretenders: Shipwreck, rpt. (Oracle.) 5 Now You See It, general knowledge game.

5 30 ATHLETICS—International meeting at Birmingham with athletes representing Great Britain and Northern Ireland, East Germany and Japan.

6 30 NEWS.

6 40 ATHLETICS—Continued from Birmingham.

7 15 WINNER TAKES ALL—Quiz with Jimmy Tarbuck.

7 45 MURDER, SHE WROTE—Death Takes a Curtain Call. A young dancer is murdered backstage at the ballet. (Oracle.)

8 45 NEWS.

9 00 CONNIE — Connie walks out on Jamieson, preferring Georgiou, her Greek lover, and decides to return to Greece. They try to stop her.

10 00 TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED—The Mugger. Moved over from Saturday. Roy Marsden, a government law and order minister, attracts threats. Repeat (Oracle.)

10 30 THE JIMMY YOUNG TELEVISION PROGRAMME—Do Animals Have Rights? Is cruelty to them all right if it saves children's lives but not all right for cosmetic reasons?

11 15 LES MISERABLES—Episode three. French serial. Preceded by London News Headlines.

12 15 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Monsignor John Crowley.

Channel 4

1 05 p.m. IRISH ANGLE. 1.30 Face the Press, with South African MP, Mrs Helen Suzman.

2 00 "WHO DONE IT?" (1942, b/w)—No getting away from the unfunny duo of Abbott and Costello at the moment, either here or on BBC. This murder comedy at a New York radio station has a good supporting cast.

3 20 "LOST IN A HAREM" (1944, b/w)—Yet another Abbott and Costello film, further illustration of our current TV poverty, three A. and C. comedies in one weekend. Here they are stranded in the Sahara. 5 Back to the Roots: Old Plants, New Uses, Richard Mabey repeat. 5.30 Mothers by Daughters: Barbara Windsor talking with Bel Mooney, rpt. Preceded by News and Weather.

6 15 THE MISSISSIPPI—Going Back to Hannibal. Ben defends *a man who thinks he is Mark Twain but police say has* murdered a politician.

7 15 HERITAGE: CIVILISATION AND THE JEWS—The Ghetto. Presented by Abba Eban.

8 15 THE IRISH RM—The Devil You Know. Sixth and final episode in which the major takes a position away from Skebawn and his successor, a colonel, is instantly disliked.

9 15 PEOPLE TO PEOPLE — They Haven't Done Nothing. Toxteth 1981 and the black community generally, programme by the Liverpool Black Media Group.

10 15-12.15 ★"THE SNAKE PIT" (1948, b/w)—Well-made plea for better treatment of mental illness, if tough going for audiences. Olivia de Havilland as a woman who has a mental breakdown and is sent to an outdated mental asylum with much sadder cases and brutal treatment. Co-starring Mark Stevens, Leo Genn and Celeste Holm.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Woody Woodpecker.
9 35 Fangface.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Working for a Better Life.
12 00 Take 30.
12 30 Jobwatch.
1 00 Agenda.
1 30 Levkas Man.
2 25 "Robbery"—1967 film based on the real Great Train Robbery. Stanley Baker, Joanne Petter. TVS News.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Athletics from Birmingham (6.30-6.40 News).
7 15 Winner Takes All.
7 45 Murder, She Wrote: Death Takes a Curtain Call.
8 45 News.
9 00 Connie.
10 00 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
11 15 Les Miserables—part 3.
12 15 Company.

Anglia

6 55-9.25 Good Morning.
9 30 Survival: The Badger.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Working for a Better Life.
12 00 Take 30.
12 30 Jobwatch.
1 00 Mr Smith.
1 25 Weather.
1 30 Farming Diary.
2 00 "Very Important Person" —1961 P.o.W. comedy: James Robertson Justice, Leslie Phillips.
3 45 Just Amazing.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Athletics, from Birmingham (6.30-6.40 News, Weather).
7 15 Winner Takes All.
7 45 Murder, She Wrote: Death Takes a Curtain Call.
8 45 News, Weather.
9 00 Connie.
10 00 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
11 15 Les Miserables—part 3.
12 10 Acts of God.

Central

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Professor Kitzel.
9 30 Working for a Better Life.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Gardening Time.
12 00 Take 30.
12 30 Jobwatch.
1 00 Captain Scarlet.
1 30 The Adventurer.
2 00 "Very Important Person" —1961 P.o.W. comedy: James Robertson Justice, Leslie Phillips.
3 45 Just Amazing.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Athletics from Birmingham (6.30-6.40 News).
7 15 Winner Takes All.
7 45 Murder, She Wrote: Death Takes a Curtain Call.
8 45 News.
9 00 Connie.
10 00 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
11 15-12.15 Country Music Special —new series: Charley Pride in Concert.

Yorkshire

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Link.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Working for a Better Life.
11 30 Farming Diary.
12 00 Take 30.
12 30 Jobwatch.
1 00 A Land, A Man, A God.
1 30 The Smurfs.
1 45 The Champions.
2 45 "The Grace Kelly Story" —1983 TV movie biopic of the late Princess Grace of Monaco: Cheryl Ladd.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00 The Zodiac Game.
5 30 Athletics from Birmingham (6.30-6.40 News).
7 15 Winner Takes All.
7 45 Murder, She Wrote.
8 45 News.
9 00 Connie.
10 00 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
11 15 Les Miserables—part 3.
12 15-12.20 Five Minutes.

HTV

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 The Mouse on Mars.
9 30 Once Upon A Time . . .
10 00 Morning Worship, from Middlesborough's Avenue Methodist Church.
11 00 Link.
11 30 Working for a Better Life.
12 00 Take 30.
12 30 Jobwatch.
1 00 Ray Reardon's Masterclass.
1 30 Farming Wales.
2 00 "The World of Suzie Wong": 1960 romantic melodrama. William Holden and Nancy Kwan.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00 Definition.
5 30 Athletics from Birmingham (6.30-6.40 News; HTV News).
7 15 Winner Takes All.
7 45 Murder, She Wrote: Death Takes a Curtain Call.
8 45 News.
9 00 Connie.
10 00 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
11 15 Travelling Man — new 6-part drama series: Leigh Lawson.
12 15 Weather.

S4C

1 45 Union World.
2 15 Gardeners' Calendar.
2 45 Wales: Landscape and Legend.
3 15 The Green Line—final part.
4 15 The Winds of War—part 2 of the glossy drama: Robert Mitchum, Ali MacGraw.
6 15 Heritage: Civilization and the Jews.
7 20 An Canker Seth.
7 30 Newyddion.
7 35 Hufen a Moch Bach.
8 00 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn?
8 30 Rhyfel Dros Gymru.
9 15 Byd Cerdd: Mozart.
10 00 Winston Churchill: The Wilderness Years. Final episode.
11 00 The Late Clive James.
11 45-12.15 Seven Days.

TSW

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Link.
10 00 Morning Worship, from Middlesbrough's Avenue Methodist Church.
11 00 Working for a Better Life.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 The South West Week.
12 00 Take 30.
12 30 Jobwatch.
1 00 Gardens for All.
1 30 Farming News.
2 00 "Gold of the Amazon Women" — 1979 adventure film about fortune-hunters: Bo Svenson, Anita Ekberg.
3 43 Gus Honeybun.
3 45 Just Amazing.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Athletics from Birmingham (6.30-6.40. News, Weather).
7 15 Winner Takes All.
7 45 Murder, She Wrote: Death Takes a Curtain Call.
8 45 News; Weather.
9 00 Connie.
10 00 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 30 Jimmy Young.
11 15 South West Week.
11 45 Benson.
12 10 Postscript.
12 15 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

12 25 Weather.
12 26 Starting Point.
12 30 Getting On.
1 00 Gardens for All.
1 30 Under Fives.
2 00-3.43 As TSW.
3 43 Puffin.
3 45 Just Amazing.
4 30 Pretenders.
5 00-11.15 As TSW.
11 15 Short Story Theatre.
11 45 Benson.
12 10 Weather.

Open University

BBC-1 TV: 6.45 a.m. T251. 7.10 T252. 7.35 T352. 8 S299. 8.25-8.50 S304. BBC-2 TV: 6.50 a.m. E355. 7.15 P234. 7.40 D205. 8.5 A295. 8.30 M352. 8.55 MST204. 9.20 D102. 9.45 M101. 10.10 M203. 10.35 M335. 11 T244. 11.25 E324. 11.30 S202. 12.15 E354. 12.40 E206. Radio 4 VHF: 6.15 a.m. AD208. 7.5 TAD292. 7.25-7.45 D102. Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 D209.

FOUR

5 55 on Lw. Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 25 Morning Has Broken.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Sunday Papers.
7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
7 45 Bells.
7 50 Turning Over New Leaves.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause.
8 55 Weather; Travel.
9 00 News.
9 10 Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America.
9 30 Service from the Lutheran Church of St. Anne & St. Agnes, London.
10 15 The Archers.
11.15 The Colour Supplement with Margo MacDonald.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 The World This Weekend.
1 55 on Lw Shipping.
2 00 Gardeners' Question Time, from Devon.
2 30 "The Wasted Years"—play by Caryl Phillips, about a bright 16 year old about to leave school who is going through a bad patch. Carmen Munroe, Rudolph Walker & Tony Armatrading.
4 00 Heritage (2): New Life for Old Cemeteries.
4 30 The Living World: the Hebrides.
5 00 News; Travel.
5 05 Down Your Way visits Stevenage in Hertfordshire.
5 50 Shipping; Weather.
6 00 News.
6 15 Treasure Islands (2): Barbados — colonial ghosts, repeat.
6 30 A Good Read—paperbacks.
7 00 XPD (6): A Safe House for Moscow.
7 30 In the Psychiatrist's Chair (5): Monsignor Bruce Kent.
8 05 Law in Action, rpt.
8 30 Young Lives (2): Leaving School.
9 00 Kidnapped & Catriona (4): "Flight in the Heather".
10 00 News.
10 15 Defence Gives Offence—American defence spending — can Britain learn from the Pentagon's errors?
11 00 The Play's the Thing (new series): religious and moral issues in modern drama, discussed by Frank Wright.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News; Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.
VHF: 6.45 a.m.-7.45 Open University. 4 p.m. Options: Victorian Values; 4.30 Inside Information; 5 Sports Coaching; 5.30-6 Euromagazine.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Eugene Ormandy.
8 00 Bach Cantatas—1724.
8 25 French Music for Wind Instruments—records.
9 00 News.
9 05 Your Concert Choice.
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 Chicago SO, conducted by Claudio Abbado: Mozart's Bassoon Concerto (soloist Willard Elliott), Webern, Ligeti & Mendelssohn (11.50-11.55 Words).
12 35 Schumann's Waldszenen, Op 82 for piano, played by Sequeira Costa, rpt.
1 00 Les arts florissants, directed by William Christie: Michel Lambert & Charpentier, rpt.
1 45 Orchestra of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies, conducted by Rudolph Barshai: Lyadov, Tchaikovsky.
2 35 Songs with an American Connection, rpt.
3 15 Takacs Quartet, rpt.: Haydn, Bartok and Dvorak (4.5-4.15 Reading).
4 50 For Ten Wind Instruments: Mozart, Buxton Orr, rpt.
5 30 Poetry Cambridge—Michael Schmidt reports from this year's Cambridge Poetry Festival.
6 30 Italian Choral Music—BBC Singers: Dallapiccola, Verdi & Pizzetti.
7 00 "Becket"—play by Jean Anouilh, with Ian Holm in title role, David Buck as Henry II & Peter Jeffrey as Folliot, Bishop of London. An adaptation by Roger Pine from Lucienne Hill's translation.
9 00 BBC Welsh SO, conducted by Maurice Handford, with Bernadette Greevy (contralto) & the Donald Hunt Singers: Delius, Elgar's Sea Pictures & Holst The Planets, Op 32 (9.35-9.55 A Portrait of Robert Bridges).
11 00 Dennis Lee—piano recital: Rachmaninov, Scriabin, Debussy & Szymanowski, rpt.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Duncan Smith.
6 00 George Ferguson.
7 30 Roger Royle.
9 00 Melodies for You.
11 00 Desmond Carrington.
1 00 Ken Bruce, with Two's Best.
2 00 Wimbledon, including the Men's Singles Final; Cricket: Essex v Australia, Motor Sport & Athletics.
6 30 Charlie Chester.
7 35 Glamorous Nights.
8 30 *Sunday Half-hour, from* Kilkeel, Co. Down.
9 00 Your 100 Best Tunes.
10 05 Songs from the Shows.
10 45 Alan Clare (piano).
11 00 Sounds of Jazz.
1 00 Steve Madden.
3 00-4 Two's Best, rpt.
VHF: 2 p.m. Benny Green. 3 Alan Dell. 4 Vernon & Maryetta Midgley. 4.30-5 Sing Something Simple. 5 p.m.-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Steve Wright.
12 30 Jimmy Savile.
2 30 Adrian Juste.
4 00 Other Side of the Facts.
5 00 Top 40.
7 00 Anne Nightingale.
9 00 Robbie Vincent.
11 00-12 Ranking Miss P.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. GMT Newsdesk. 6.30 Jazz for the Asking. 7 World News. 7.9 24 Hours. 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent. 7.50 Waveguide. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 Sports Review. 9.45 Tomorrow's Child. 10 News. 10.1 Short Story. 10.15 Classical Record Review. 11 World News. 11.9 News about Britain. 11.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 11.30 Play of the Week: The Mask of Dimitrios.

1 p.m. World News. 1.9-8 p.m. Wimbledon '85.

8 p.m. World News. 8.9 Twenty-four Hours. 8.30 Sunday Half-hour. 9 News. 9.1 Wimbledon Report. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10 World News. 10.9 The Poem Itself. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 You and Your Memory.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1 News. 1.1 The Greater Maghreb. 1.30 Classical Record Review. 1.45 Merrie England's Music. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Peebles' Choice. 2.30 Music Now. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 Good Books. 4.45 Hunger. 5 World News. 5.9 Twenty-four Hours. 5.45 Recording of the Week.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m; 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330, 693, 433 (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90.2 MHz). Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90-92.5). Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92-94.5, 97-11). World Service: 648, 463. Radio London: 1458, 206, (94.9). LBC: 1152, 261. (97.3). Capital: 1548, 194. (95.8).

TELEVISION

SATURDAY GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6 45 a.m.-8.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY. 8.30 The Saturday Picture Show. 10.40 "Hansel and Gretel" (1955): puppet version of the Humperdinck opera from the fairy story, distinguished by Anna Russell as the voice of the witch.

11 50 "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET CAPTAIN KIDD" (1952): farcical spoof of Treasure Island style piracy, with Charles Laughton throwing himself in as his Captain Bligh character. He shouldn't have.

1 00 GRANDSTAND — Wimbledon: The Ladies' Singles Final; followed by the Men's Doubles and Ladies' Doubles Finals in all of which the commentators will go to endless, detailed trouble explaining to us what we have just seen perfectly well for ourselves. (Ceefax.) News at 1.5.

5 55 NEWS, WEATHER: at 6.5 Sport/Regional News.

6 10 THE NEW ADVENTURES OF WONDER WOMAN—Diana's Disappearing Act. Magic has a bad effect on the world's oil markets. (Ceefax.)

6 55 "NO MAN'S LAND" (1984)—The feminist lobby reaches the Wild West in this TV piece of lightweight froth with Stella Stevens as sheriff of a New Mexico town which was named after the last of her three husbands. Wilder. There's so much crime around that citizens start to have old-fashioned ideas about a male sheriff, but she does have three lively daughters. Co-starring Terri Garber and the ubiquitous Robert Webber. (Ceefax.)

8 30 THE VAL DOONICAN MUSIC SHOW—With Max Bygraves, Marti Caine and The Nolans.

9 15 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

9 30 WIMBLEDON—Match of the Day. Highlights of the Ladies' final.

10 30 "THE HEIST" (1972)—Fourth film of the day on this channel, a thriller with Warren Beatty as an alarms expert planning to rob a bank, with the three main victims all crooks unable to report the crime, all happening in Hamburg. Goldie Hawn as his accomplice. There was, confusingly, a TV film of the same name in the same year. 12.30 Weather.

BBC-2

6 25 a.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY. 5.15 The Sky at Night: Summer Sky, repeat from last Sunday.

5 35 WIMBLEDON—Unlikely that the Ladies' Singles Final will still be going on, unless it rains, but there are also the men's and ladies' doubles finals.

7 35 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

7 50 BIRDWATCH—On the Farne Islands and Bass Rock with Tony Soper, repeat.

8 30 "THE RAGING MOON" (1970)—Continuing the season of films directed by Bryan Forbes, the story of a love affair between a bitter paraplegic (Malcolm McDowell) and a polio victim (Nanette Newman), both inmates of a home for the physically handicapped.

10 20 SATURDAY REVIEW—Presented by Russell Davies and discussing the one-man play "Bengal Lancer"; the film Return of Oz"; the novel "House of the Spirits"; and under dance "Rite Electrik", a disco version by Tom Jobe of The Rite of Spring.

11 20-12.25 THE MEL TORME SPECIAL—The American singer in conversation and recorded in a 1982 San Francisco concert. With George Shearing, Jon Hendricks, Mel Lewis and the Jazz Orchestra.

ITV London Weekend

6 15 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN, with WAC TRACS at 9. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Matt and Jenny on the Wilderness Trail. 9.50 Big Bird in China, Sesame Street's character travelling in search of the Phoenix, repeat. 11 Cartoon Time. 11.15 The Champions: The Experiment, repeat.

12 15 WORLD OF SPORT—Including Wrestling from Slough at 12.20: News at 12.45: Cycling, The Tour de France, stages 6 and 7, at 12.50; Motor Sport, hot rod meeting from Ipswich at 1.10 and 3.5; Racing from Haydock for the 1.30, 2 and 2.30 races; and from Sandown for the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races; International Athletics, Great Britain and Northern Ireland v East Germany v Japan (men) and Great Britain and Northern Ireland v East Germany (women) from Birmingham at 3.30 and 4; News round-up at 3.50; Results at 4.50.

5 00 NEWS.

5 05 HAPPY DAYS — Welcome Home, part one. Richie Cunningham returns home from the army.

5 30 CONNECTIONS—Sue Robbie with the youthful quiz.

6 00 CHIPS—Something Special. A father is reluctant to accept his mentally retarded son.

7 00 THE COMEDIANS—Including newcomer Mike Cash, club comic formerly known as Mike Douglas.

7 30 THE BEST OF RUSS ABBOTT'S MADHOUSE — Moments from his last two series. Repeat. (Oracle.)

8 30 ULTRA QUIZ '85—This week from the Isle of Jersey. The feverish presentation wears your nerves very thin, not to mention so many terrible jokes.

9 30 NEWS and SPORT.

9 45 *"BITE THE BULLET" (1975)—Nine entrants wait to start the 700-mile Endurance Race in Colorado, 1908, across icy mountains and deserts, among them is a woman (Candice Bergen). They all need the 2,000 dollars desperately. Slack moments, but an entertaining Western with Gene Hackman, James Coburn and, best of all, lovely Ben Johnson. Preceded by London News Headlines.

12 05 BELLAMY—A Friend in Need. John Stanton as the tough cop in that well-worn plot about an old friend who commits an armed robbery.

12 55 GENESIS IN CONCERT—In America on tour and in England. Repeat.

1 45 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Katharine Whitehorn.

Channel 4

1 05 p.m. CHIPS' COMIC—Party, rpt. 1.30 Listening Eye, rpt. repeat.

2 00 *"FOUR DAUGHTERS" (1938, b/w)—Serious romantic saga about four daughters who all fall for the new boarder, which was well acted and worked very well. Small town story with Claude Rains as the father plus John Garfield and Priscilla Lane.

3 40 *"FOLIES BERGERE" (1935, b/w) — Elegant musical with good songs and Maurice Chevalier in a double role, as a Paris banker and a music-hall impersonator, torn between Merle Oberon and Ann Sothern. With good production numbers. 5.5 Brookside, rpt. (Oracle.)

6 00 FAMILY TIES—Starting a new American situation-comedy series on that old generation gap, but this time it is the children who are the conservatives. Starring Michael Gross, Michael J. Fox and Meredith Baxter Birney.

6 30 BABBLE—Word game with Peter Purves.

7 00 7 DAYS—including Nora Beloff talking about her new book on Tito, and Michael Higham's reactions to Methodist Condemnation of Freemasonry. Preceded by News and Weather.

7 30 UNION WORLD — The First Major Forum. On the Sheffield NUM conference and the likely outcomes.

8 00 TALES FROM A LONG ROOM — Batman. Related by Robin Bailey.

8 15 SANNE—Fifth episode in the Dutch drama serial, with English sub-titles.

8 45 MY WORLD AND WELCOME TO IT—The Shrike and the Chipmunk. Final episode in the comedy series about a cartoonist.

9 15 TWENTY TWENTY VISION—The Last Right. Euthanasia in Holland.

10 00 HILL STREET BLUES—Starting the complete series which began with this very first episode back in 1981.

11 00 THE LATE CLIVE JAMES—The last in the current series with Mr. James taking a final oblique look at people and events and inviting the studio guests to discuss relevant topics.

11 45 NAKED CITY—King Stanislaus and the Knights of the Round Table. Two fallen-out friends face up to each other with suspected adultery in mind and meat cleaver in hand. B/w.

12 40-1.10 THE PAUL HOGAN SHOW—Australian humour, rpt.

** Outstanding. * Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Bugs Bunny.
9 35 Scooby Doo.
10 00 Batman.
10 25 Sealab 2020.
10 50 Dangerfreaks.
11 50 Do It.
12 12 TVS Weather.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News; TVS News.
5 10 Connections.
5 40 Diff'rent Strokes.
6 10 Chips.
7 00 Fresh Fields.
7 30 Best of Russ Abbot's Madhouse.
8 30 Ultra Quiz '85.
9 30 News; Sport.
9 45 "Bite the Bullet" — 1975 adventure drama about a 700-mile endurance horse race: James Coburn, Gene Hackman.
12 10 Jazz Special: Arnett Cobb (saxophonist).
12 40 Company.

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Cartoon Time.
9 35 Captain Scarlet.
10 00 The Harlem Globetrotters.
10 25 "Wombling Free" — 1977 film about the litter-conscious Wombles. Starring Frances de la Tour and David Tomlinson.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News; Weather.
5 05 Connections.
5 35 Dreams.
6 00 Chips.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Best of Russ Abbot's Madhouse.
8 30 Ultra Quiz '85.
9 30 News, Sport, Weather.
9 45 "Bite the Bullet" — 1975 adventure drama about a 700-mile endurance horse race: Gene Hackman, Candice Bergman.
12 10 Nancy Wilson and Jimmy Witherspoon Live at City Hall.
12 40 At the End of the Day.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Walt Disney Presents.
9 35 Freetime.
10 00 Fangface.
10 30 "Wombling Free" — 1977 fun and capers with the tidy-conscious Wombles.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News.
5 05 "The World In His Arms" —1952 romantic melodrama with a climaxing boat race: Gregory Peck, Ann Blyth.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Best of Russ Abbot's Madhouse.
8 30 Ultra Quiz '85.
9 30 News.
9 45-12.10 "Bite the Bullet" — 1975 actioner about a hazardous endurance horse race. Gene Hackman, James Coburn.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Cartoon Time.
9 35 Scooby Doo.
10 00 Short Story Theatre.
10 25 BMX Spectacular.
11 20 Captain Scarlet.
11 50 Joanie Loves Chachi.
12 15 World of Sport: L.
5 00 News.
5 05 "Campbell's Kingdom" — 1958 adventure film set in the Canadian Rockies: Dirk Bogarde, Stanley Baker.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Best of Russ Abbot's Madhouse.
8 30 Ultra Quiz '85.
9 30 News.
9 45 "Bite the Bullet" — 1975 unconventional Western about a cruel endurance horse race: Gene Hackman, James Coburn.
12 10-12.40 That's Hollywood: Teenage stars.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Professor Kitzel.
9 30 Captain Scarlet.
10 00 Fireball XL5. B/w.
10 25 "Tiger Bay" — 1959 police chase story about a girl who witnesses a murder: Hayley Mills, Horst Buchholz.
12 13 HTV News.
12 15 World of Sport, including Wrestling at 12.20; News at 12.45; Cycling, Motor Sport, Hot Rod Racing, Athletics; Racing from Haydock for the 1.30, 2 and 2.30; from Sandown for the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races; Results at 4.50.
5 00 News; HTV News.
5 05 "Butch and Sundance — The Early Days" — 1979 prequel to "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid": William Katt and Tom Berenger.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Best of Russ Abbot's Madhouse.
8 30 Ultra Quiz '85.
9 30 News and Sport.
9 45 "Bite the Bullet" — 1975 actioner about a cruel endurance horse race: James Coburn, Gene Hackman.
12 10 Portrait of a Legend: Bobby Vinton.
12 40 Weather.

S4C

1 30 Farming on 4.
2 00 A Question of Economics.
2 30 A Week in Politics.
3 15 Promised the Earth.
4 15 "Mildred Pierce" — 1945 b/w melodrama about a mother's sacrifice for her selfish daughter: Joan Crawford and Ann Blyth.
6 10 The Medicine Men.
6 40 The Avengers.
7 35 Newyddion.
7 45 Llun Ar Y Sgrin.
8 15 Gwyl Gorawl Caerdydd.
9 00 Tandoori Nights — new 6-part comedy: Saeed Jaffrey, Zohra Segal.
9 30 Lou Grant.
10 25-12.10 "The Angry Silence" —1960 b/w drama about a factory worker's refusal to join an unofficial strike. Richard Attenborough.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Fisheries News.
9 35 The Smurfs.
9 50 Gus Honeybun.
9 52 Blockbusters.
10 25 BMX Spectacular.
11 20 Freeze Frame.
12 12 Local News.
12 15 World of Sport, including Wrestling at 12.20; News at 12.45; Cycling, Motor Sport, Hot Rod Racing, Athletics; Racing from Haydock for the 1.30, 2 and 2.30; from Sandown for the 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races; Results at 4.50.
5 00 News; Local News.
5 07 Connections.
5 40 "Nightside" — 1980 actioner about a Los Angeles policeman: Doug McClure.
7 00 The Comedians.
7 30 Best of Russ Abbot's Madhouse.
8 30 Ultra Quiz '85.
9 30 News, Sport, Weather.
9 45 "Bite the Bullet" — 1975 adventure drama about an endurance horse race. Gene Hackman, James Coburn.
12 10 Postscript.
12 15 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25 Cartoon.
9 35 The Smurfs.
9 50 Puffin.
9 52 Blockbusters.
10 25 BMX Spectacular.
11 20 Puffin.
11 25 Tarzan.
12 14 Channel Weather.
12 15 World of Sport: As TSW.
5 00 News; Weather.
5 05 Puffin.
5 07-12.10 As TSW.
12 10 Weather.

Open University

BBC-1 TV: 6.45 a.m. A315. 7.10 MDST242. 7.35 S354. 8-8.25 P251. BBC-2 TV: 6.25 a.m. M332. 6.50 D209. 7.15 TM282. 7.40 S101. 8.5 S325. 8.30 A101. 8.55 D355. 9.20 S324. 9.45 T234. 10.10 MS283. 10.35 E200. 11 S237. 11.25 S238. 11.50 A205. 12.15 U205. 12.40 PE251. 1.5 S304. 1.30 T283. 1.55 A309. 2.20 A315. 2.45 A312. 3.10 AM289. 3.35 D324. 4 A361. 4.25 AD208. 4.50 T321.
Radio 3 VHF: 6.35 a.m.-6.55 M101.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. GMT Newsdesk. 6.30 Album Time. 7 World News. 7.9 24 Hours. 7.30 From the Weeklies. 7.45 Network UK. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Wimbledon Report. 10 News. 10.1 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter from America. 11 World News. 11.9 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Round-up. 1 World News. 1.9 Saturday Special (2-2.1 News). 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Saturday Special. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 8 p.m. World News. 8.9 24 Hours. 8.30 Jazz for the Asking. 9 News. 9.1 Wimbledon Report. 9.15 What's New. 9.30 People and Politics. 10 World News. 10.9 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Play of the Week: The Mask of Dimitrios. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 A Land of Song. 2.30 Sports Review. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 4.45 Financial Review. 4.55 Reflections. 5 World News. 5.9 24 Hours. 5.45 Letter from America.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 00 News.
9 05 After Henry — comedy, rpt (5).
9 35 Great Liners (5), rpt.
9 50 News Stand.
10 05 The Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week, rpt.
11 30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12 00 A Small Country Living: Jeanine McMullen explores rural Britain.
12 27 I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue —last part.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 News.
1 10 Any Questions? Rpt.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 "Swimmer" — play by Christopher Russell (winner of the 1984 Giles Cooper Award). The story of a handicapped boy who develops an obsessional love of water on his way to becoming a champion swimmer. Julian Firth.
3 00 Radio Active, rpt.
3 30 Explorers Extraordinary (5).
4 15 Enterprise — last part.
4 45 Work and I: veteran broadcaster Harry Soan.
5 00 Wildlife, rpt.
5 25 Week Ending, rpt.
5 50 Shipping; Weather.
6 00 News; Sport.
6 25 With Great Pleasure (new series): The Rt Hon. David Owen, M.P. presents his personal choice of poetry and prose.
7 05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.
7 45 Baker's Dozen.
8 30 "A Study in Hatred" — play by Richard Huggett. When Scotsman Richard Prince (Henry Stamper) gets a walk-on part at the prestigious Adelphi Theatre his insane ambition and jealousy of the leading man lead to tragedy.
10 00 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 Animal Language (2), rpt; Female Choice.
11 00 Science Now, rpt.
11 30 Cliffhanger — comedy quartet in "The Polytechnic of Death."
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.
VHF: 3 p.m.-5 Options: Back in 25 minutes; 3.30 A Great Day Out; 4 New for Old; 4.30 Euromagazine.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Aubade.
9 00 News.
9 05 Stereo Release.
10 50 BBC Symphony Concert—opening concert of the 1985 Festival de Seine-Maritime, given in Fecamp Cathedral. BBC SO and soloists play Chabrier, Peter Maxwell Davies, Tchaikovsky and Brahms (11.55-12 Reading).
1 00 News.
1.05 English Song-Cycles: Adrian Thompson (tenor) and Roger Vignoles (piano): Finzi, Britten.
2 00 Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra: Haydn, Bartok, Messiaen and Ives.
4 00 Delme String Quartet, rpt: Haydn and Martinu.
5 00 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum.
6 35 Music for the Iron Voice, played by James Dalton (organ). Rpt.
7 15 Schoenberg's "Moses und Aron": opera sung in German, with Franz Mazura (bass-baritone) and Philip Langridge (tenor) in title roles, conducted by Sir Georg Solti (8.5-8.25 The Idea Behind the Music: Alexander Goehr talks about Schoenberg's music).
9 25 Fibich and Dvorak — piano quartets.
10 30 The Song of Roland—part 6 of C. H. Sisson's translation of the 12th-century epic.
11 00 Mendelssohn's chamber and instrumental music, including records.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Duncan Smith.
6 00 George Ferguson.
8 05 David Jacobs.
10 00 Sounds of the 60s.
11 00 Album Time.
12 30 Castle's Corner.
1 00 The Good Human Guide, rpt.
1 30 Wimbledon '85, including Racing from Sandown Park at 2.55: Cricket: Essex v Australians and Athletics.
7 00 Three in a Row.
7 30 An Evening with Gilbert and Sullivan (8.20-8.40 Interval).
9 30 Big Band Special.
10.05 Martin Kelner (new series).
12 05 Night Owls.
1 00 Steve Madden.
3 00-4.00 Wally Whyton, rpt.
VHF: 1 p.m.-7.30 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Dave Lee Travis.
1 00 30 Years of Rock.
2 00 Paul Gambaccini.
4 00 Saturday Live.
5 30 Sting—talks to Mike Smith.
6 30 Andy Kershaw, with The Screaming Blue Messiahs live.
7 30 Graham Bannerman, with The One O'Clock Gang and JoBoxers.
9 30-12 Dixie Peach.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. **Radio 2:** 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90·2 MHz). **Radio 3:** 1215, 247. (90·3-92·5). **Radio 4:** 200, 1500. **Greater London** 720, 417. (92-94·5, 97·1). **World Service:** 648, 463. **Radio London:** 1458, 206. (94·9). **LBC:** 1152, 261. (97·3). **Capital:** 1548, 194. (95·8).

THEATRES AND CINEMAS

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See theatres section for current prog.

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Today 2.30 & 7.30 La Fille mal gardee. Mon. 7.30. Tue. 2.30 & 7.30 Romeo & Juliet.

CONCERTS

ACADEMY OF St Martin-in-the-Fields. Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq. CC 01-379 6433. From July 9-13 Concerts by candlelight. Composers include MOZART, BRITTEN, TCHAIKOVSKY, DVORAK, RAFF, BACH, VIVALDI, BARBER, ARNOLD and HAYDN.

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BIRTHS

BARRETT.—On July 3, to BETT (née Jackson) and TIM, a daughter (Edwina Charlotte Ruth).

COLVILL.—On July 5, at St Teresa's, Wimbledon, to NICKY (nee Lloyd) and JOHN, a son (Thomas Oliver), a brother for Juliane.

DELLER.—On July 5, to JACKIE (née Seal) and MIKE, a son (Luke Peter John).

FERGUSSON. — On June 28, to SORAYA and GRAHAM, a daughter (Laura), sister for Jamie and Anna.

FORRESTER.—On July 3, to HELEN (nee Merchetti) and LLOYD, a beautiful first born son (Samuel Jackley). With thanks to all at the Ulster Maternity Unit.

FOX. — On July 4, at The Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, to MARY (née Ford) and NICK, a daughter (Charlotte Anne), a sister for Gemma and Sophie.

GOUCHER.—On July 3, to JOYCE (née Otte) and CHARLES, a son (Edward Charles Lloyd), a brother for Alexandra.

JACOBSON.—On July 1, in Germany, to SALLY (nee McBride) and CARSTEN (Panzer Brigade), a son (John Andrew).

LANGRISH-SMITH.—On July 4, to PATTI (née Wheeler) and MICHAEL, a daughter (Anna Louise), a sister for Kenneth.

McCAUGHEY. — On May 29, 1985, in Verl, West Germany, to LIZ and ROGER, a son (Brian).

MILNE.—On July 2, to ANNABEL (nee Horsfield) and GRAHAM, a son (James).

MIURA. — On July 3, to NOLA (nee Holland) and HIROSHI, a daughter (Sarah), a sister for Aline.

ROBERTSON.—On July 4, at Nottingham City Hospital, to CAROLINE ROBERTSON, M.B.B.S. (nee Gardner), wife of CHARLES ROBERTSON, F.R.C.S., a daughter (Sarah Elizabeth).

WALKER.—On July 4, at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to JANE (nee Besley) and PAUL, a son (Harry Christopher Nicholas), a brother for Benjamin and Lucy.

WESTACOTT. — On June 30, to SUSAN (née Jefferies) and PETER, a son (Matthew Frederick).

WILLMOTT.—On July 4, in Northampton, to MARGARET and TREVOR, a daughter (Elizabeth Petra).

WOODS.—On June 25, at St Peter's, Chertsey, to CAROLE and WILLIAM, a son (Richard Thomas Johnston), a brother to Emily and Sophie.

MARRIAGES

ALFF—NATTRASS.—On June 30, 1985, at All Saints', Blackheath, S.E.3, BRIAN, son of Mr and Mrs EDGAR ALFF, of St Leonards, to PAULA, only daughter of Mr and Mrs FRANK NATTRASS, of Bexleyheath.

RUBY WEDDINGS

FRANKLIN—STACK.—On July 7, 1945, at St. Mary's Church, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, J. FRANKLIN, Lt-Cmdr (A) R.N.V.R., to ELLEN, Third Officer W.R.N.S. Now at The Old Chapel, Donkswick, Harpood, Leeds 17.

GREEN—OSBORNE. — On July 7, 1945, at Felcham, Sussex, GUBBY, R.N.V.R., to VAL, W.R.N.S. Now at Northgate.

HALE—MOULD. — On July 7, 1945, at Holy Trinity, Hull, Kent to AUDREY. Tel. 01-777 8803.

HILL—DUROSE. — On July 7, 1945, at Oystermouth, Swansea, Lieut. WILFRED HILL, R. Signals, to J. Cmdt. DOREEN DUROSE, A.T.S. Now at 1, Dartmouth Crescent, Devon.

MATTHEWSON—STEEN.—On July 7, 1945, at Waterloo Congregational Church, Liverpool, KENNETH to MARJORIE EVA. Now at Waverton, Chester.

MAUNDER—CORKILL. — On July 6, 1945, at All Saints Church, Srinagar, Kashmir, by the Rev. Canon Cecil Stokes, Capt. H. F. MAUNDER, 4th/1st Gurkha Rifles, 7th Indian Division (Seac), to ISOBEL (Betty) CORKILL, V.A.D., 53rd Indian General Hospital, Kohima (Seac), The Old Vicarage, Edlingham, Alnwick, Northumberland.

PEATT—PURDON. — On July 7, 1945, at SS Peter and Paul, Chingford, by Rev. K. Wade, FIO WILLIAM ARTHUR CHISHOLM to RUBY BEATRICE, W.A.A.F. Now at 2, Page Hill Avenue, Buckingham.

RAMPLIN—DEVENISH-MEARES. — On July 6, 1945, at All Saints' Church, Srinagar, Kashmir, by Canon Cecil Stokes, Major DENIS RAMPLIN, 1st Bn. 7th Rajput Regt. (Q.V.O.L.I.), to Major Lomond, Lady DEVENISH-MEARES, Women's Auxiliary Corps (India). Now at Prestbury, Cheltenham.

SKINNER—PENGSTON.—On July 7, 1945, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, S.W.7, Capt. A. GRAHAM SKINNER, R.E., previously of Calcutta, to EVE PENGSTON, of Hove. Now at 3, Addison Place, London, W.11.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

BENTLEY—BUCKINGHAM. — On July 6, 1935, at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, W.1, HARRY TURNER to DORIS MARGARET. Now at The Roost, Sidford, Sidmouth.

BRUNYATE—FOGSON.—On July 6, 1935, at St Thomas Church, Rudgefield, JACK MITTON to JANET MAY (Jennifer). Now at 4, Mere Avenue, Bulkington, Wiltshire.

CARTWRIGHT—HARCOURT. — On July 6, 1935, JOHN to MARY. Now at Hunters End, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Somerset.

JONES—ABRAM.—On July 6, 1935, at St Michael's Church, Runcorn, ELLIS CLIFFORD to RUTH DURRING. Now at 56, The Priory, London Road, Brighton.

KING—HORNE.—On July 6, 1935, at Portsmouth, DAVID to SHEILA. Still at Farnborough, Hants.

KIRBY—MEAD.—On July 6, 1935, at Egham, KENNETH MACLEOD to RUTH HELEN. Now at Chipstead, Surrey.

LODDIGES—HILLIER.—On July 6, 1935, at Christ Church, London W.4, GERARD LENLIE to IRENE CATHERINE. Now at Little Common, E. Sussex.

MACDONALD—PHILIPS.—On July 6, 1935, at Moulsford, RONALD CAMPBELL MACDONALD to JEAN MARY PHILIPS. Now living at Zeals, Wiltshire. Hearty congratulations from Douglas, Stewart, Fiona and Grandchildren.

MORRIS—PAGE.—On July 6, 1935, in Witherslack, BERT to RITA. Now at 25, Highfield Close, Thorpe, Norwich. Love from all the Family.

NORLEY—SEATH. — On July 6, 1935, at St Mary the Virgin, Dover (a building in gift of Henry VIII as a Parish Church for the people of Dover), by the Vicar, Rev. Canon William G. Elnor, M.A., Rural Dean of Dover, LESLIE WILLIAM NORLEY, Borough of Hastings Police, to INGRI ROSSLA IVY SEATH, both formerly of Dover, Kent. Nd Nisi Clavis Deest.

PEARSE—WEEKES.—On Saturday, July 6, 1935, at Emmanuel Church, Mannamead, Plymouth, JACK to PEGGY. Now living in Topsham.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On July 3, suddenly at home, HUGH JOHN, beloved husband of Veronica, father of Benjamin and Archie. Funeral at Holy Trinity, Bosbury, on Wednesday, July 10, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Ham Green Hospital, Bristol.

ALDER.—On July 5, CHARLES EDWARD, aged 79, late of Thames Ditton, dearly beloved brother of Trudy. Cremation Randalls Park, Leatherhead, 4 p.m. July 8.

AMES. — On July 4, suddenly at home, BARBARA, aged 59 years, beloved wife of Roger and mother of Richard and Jackie. Funeral service 1.15 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, at St Margaret's Parish Church, Tylers Green, Bucks.

ANDERSON. — On July 5, in hospital, Grp Capt LEONARD JAMES WATT ANDERSON, F.D.S., R.A.F. (Retd), of Belford, Northumberland, dear husband of Anne. Private cremation. No letters by request.

BALDOCK.—On July 4, 1985, after two years' illness, DAPHNE, aged 63 years, of 32, Foxwood Avenue, Mudeford, Christchurch, Dorset, beloved sister of Beryl, Sheilagh and Rita. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Mudeford, on Friday, July 12, at 12 noon, interment following at Christchurch Cemetery. Inquiries and flowers to Miller Bros. & F. P. Butler Ltd., funeral directors, 119, Barrados, Christchurch, tel. Christchurch 485439.

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1 Orthographic skill taught at charm schools? (8)
5 What beasts of prey do when preparing for spring (6)
9 She makes me turn in a string of beads (8)
10 The flycatcher under the billiard-table (6)
11 In two years' time its course will be over (8)
12 Irish lake bed in which gold is to be found (6)
14 It goes off to work early in the morning, as a rule (5-5)
18 The reason people cannot stir when displaced? (10)
22 Gives a ruling about blended gins (6)
23 Strike-breaking poet presenting the case for a sharp weapon? (8)
24 Plump little mischief-maker turning bashful (6)
25 First man to devise an outlet in wrought iron (8)
26 Recently left at a Fenland centre (6)
27 Nervously goes about making small speculations (8)

DOWN

1 A writer to copy in the home counties, apparently (6)
2 Remote island's spring festival (6)
3 Mother turning up in fast time to go into mourning (6)
4 The usual charge for a carriage (6, 4)
6 Censure a player who will be paid when within reach (8)
7 Danger to be avoided when swimming behind a tug? (8)
8 Frenzied bard getting tucked into fish and almond toffee (8)
13 Channel One in Venice? (5, 5)
15 Kind of language a satirist will disdain to use (8)
16 An occurrence that may lead to war, perhaps (8)
17 French language master from Shetland (8)
19 A sailor told to go missing (6)
20 Obscure form of 3 (6)
21 Is inordinately fond of present-day aggregates? (6)

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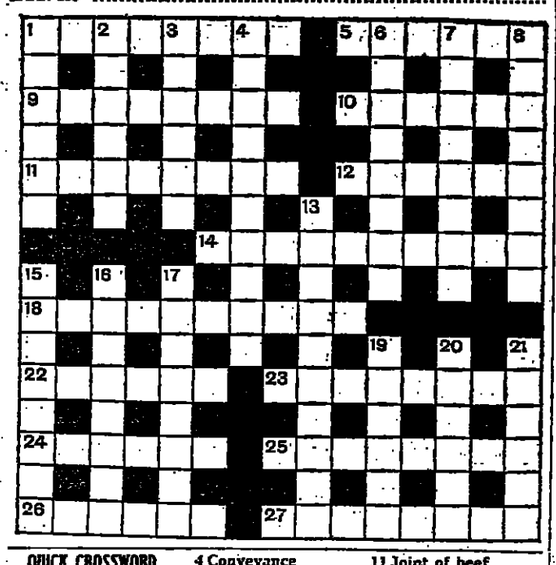

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1 Exert authority
4 Conveyance
8 Seven-a-side game
9 Loss
10 Mistake
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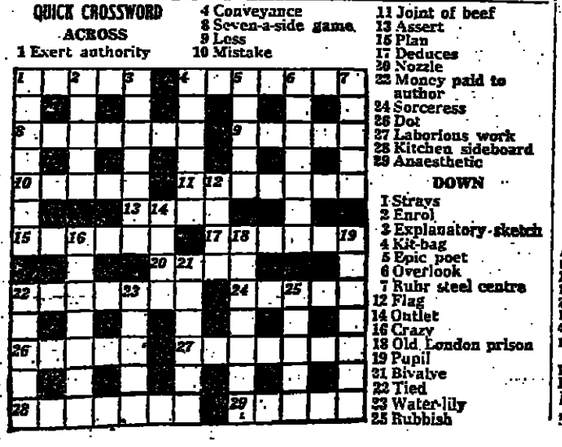

Yesterday's Quick Solution

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For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

LIVERPOOL FAN IS JAILED IN BELGIUM

By JOHN LICHFIELD in Brussels

A LIVERPOOL football fan jailed in Brussels yesterday for causing criminal damage, resisting arrest and robbery with violence left the court in tears, protesting his innocence.

John Michael Ellis, 19, upholsterer, of Wilbraham Street, Liverpool, who was said to have attacked a hot-dog stand, was the first of six Liverpool fans held since the European Cup Final on May 29 to stand trial.

All were arrested for incidents unconnected with the rioting in which 38 fans died injured.

Ellis, convicted by three judges, was sentenced to 12 months in prison, with three months suspended and one month deducted because of the period served on remand.

The court heard that a group of 25 Liverpool fans surrounded a hot-dog stand inside the Heysel stadium before the Liverpool-Juventus European Cup Final. There was a scuffle, and the stand was pushed over. Cash and hot dogs worth £12 were stolen.

Ellis was said to have been arrested later after being identified by the stallholder, who told the court that Ellis was "one of the crowd pushing."

Mr Mark van Roy, a Belgian lawyer, defending, argued there was no evidence Ellis took part in a robbery.

Mr van Roy told journalists later he believed Ellis was treated unjustly. He said he would lodge an immediate appeal.

"The verdict was unbelievable. There was no evidence that he did anything," Mr van Roy said.

Mr Jos Colpin, public prosecutor, told the court before the verdict was given that Ellis had previous convictions in Britain of causing damage and theft.

He also said that Ellis was wanted for questioning via Interpol concerning a theft in West Germany last year and a £86,000 jewel robbery in Locarno, Switzerland.

Heffer protests

Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Walton, Liverpool, protested to the Belgian Ambassador in London last night about the sentence and asked for Foreign Office to help.

Princess Michael of Kent leaving King Edward VII Hospital for Officers in London last night after a week's "period of rest." She was accompanied by the Prince.

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Alliance poll triumph

POLLSTERS

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politically, but his 'evidence' of political bias on my part is unfounded."

Three MORI polls—two in the MIRROR and one in the SUNDAY TIMES, showed Labour's lead growing through the campaign from eight per cent. to 14 per cent. and finally to 18 per cent.

An NOP poll published on two occasions in the DAILY MAIL showed fluctuations between a Conservative lead of 2·5 per cent. on June 28 and a Labour lead of nine per cent. on July 5. The result showed an error respectively of 10·6 per cent. and 10·5 per cent.

Even the exit poll, conducted by the BBC programme Newsnight among 2,000 voters as they left polling stations, showed a much bigger error than the 1·3 per cent. claimed.

The BBC poll was 5·5 per cent. out on the result, showing an Alliance lead of five per cent., with a majority of up to 2,000, instead of the 559 of the day.

One was right

Of all the polls at Brecon and Radnor, only one emerged with any credit—that mounted by Beaufort Research of Newport for HTV Wales, which showed Labour one per cent. ahead, but when "don't knows" were taken into account, had the Alliance 1·4 per cent. ahead, almost exactly yesterday's result.

The only explanation for the massively over-stated Labour vote is that the pollsters concentrated in the major urban areas of the large rural seat, where people are more likely to vote Labour.

Another fact plain to see was the small size of sample used by NOP and MORI, sometimes as few as 700 electors, when the Liberal election agent, Mr Andrew Ellis, whose projections based on canvas returns proved accurate, said nothing short of a 1,200 sample would do.

The defeated Tory, Mr Christopher Butler, said: "The Labour vote was over-represented in the polls and that scared the rural vote into voting Liberal."

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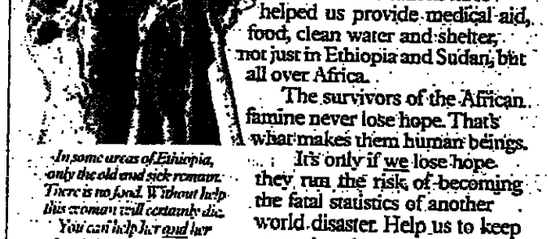

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"We are on course for victory at the General Election in two years' time. And it comes in the excellent county council results across the country.

"Brecon shows that Labour has now pulled back all the votes lost to the SDP-Liberals in 1983 and more.

"The Alliance and the Tories are now dividing the remaining votes among themselves. Labour votes were for positive policies and positive leadership.

"In the safest Tory seat in Wales, the Alliance meanwhile benefits from the protests of people who thought that by moving from the Conservatives to the next thing to them they could make their complaint to Mrs Thatcher.

"They are wrong. The lady doesn't listen to messages of that kind. She will only listen to Labour votes and she will only be moved by Labour votes."

The Conservatives' public reaction came in a statement from Mr John Selwyn Gummer, party chairman, who said: "This is a mid-term result. People were voting, confident that there would be a Conservative Government there the following day.

"It is a devastating result for Labour as Neil Kinnock had put his personal prestige on the line and three-quarters of Labour MPs had been to the by-election."

There was no comment from the Prime Minister, but her aides said she was philosophical about the result which she regarded as a characteristic Mid-Parliament vote which would not endure.

She telephoned a message of commiseration to the defeated Tory candidate, Mr Christopher Butler, who was once her correspondence secretary, at 10 Downing Street.

Concern in Tory ranks

The Prime Minister's calm reception of the result was not shared by all her Cabinet colleagues and Tory MPs.

The result puts extra focus on the discussion which the Cabinet will have on Thursday about public expenditure plans for the 1986-87 financial year, with some Ministers expected to argue that the Brecon result underlines their case for less strict monetary policies.

There was also some Tory pressure yesterday for younger talent to be brought into the Cabinet when the Prime Minister makes her next reshuffle, probably in September.

Mrs Thatcher is aware that the result will heighten attempts by the Opposition parties to have the electorate believe that the Conservatives will increasingly be dogged by the so-called "TBW factor"—"that bloody woman factor".

The Alliance leaders would like a series of suitable by-elections to try to increase their campaigning before the next General Election.

But there is none pending.

And, after Brecon, the Prime Minister is expected to be more reluctant than ever to allow any Tory MP to stand down or move any to the House of Lords.

The Government still enjoys an overall Commons majority of 139.

State of parties: Conservatives 394, Labour 269, Liberals 18, SDP 7, Official Unionist 11, Democratic Unionist 3, Scottish Nationalist 2, Plaid Cymru 2, SDLP 1, Popular Unionist 1, Sinn Fein 1. The Speaker 1. Total: 650.

More than 120 of Labour's 209 MPs campaigned at Brecon in the party's biggest ever by-election push. On one day five members of the Shadow Cabinet were canvassing in the constituency.

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KERB CRAWLING BAN

The Private Member's Bill outlawing kerb crawling passed through its final Parliamentary stages yesterday and could receive the Royal Assent next week. From September offenders will face fines of up to £2,000.

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Help the Aged

Soviet army of 1m 'on China border'

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

CHINA asserted yesterday that Russia now had a million troops deployed along the Sino-Soviet border. The figure was given by Yang Shangkun, executive vice-chairman of the central military commission in Peking which is headed by Teng Hsiao-Ping.

He said that the move was "in sharp contrast" to China which was reducing its frontier soldiers.

The details may reflect reports from Moscow that the Kremlin is already mounting a huge military exercise in September.

Earlier this year, a senior member of the Chinese military told me in an interview that he thought that 60 per cent of what he estimated to be the Soviet Union's troops Strength—1,200,000—was massed along the border and in Vietnam in order to cope with China."

This tallies with estimates by Western military sources in Peking and Moscow, who seemed surprised last night at the latest Chinese claim.

Soviet might on the Asian continent is thought to consist of 50 divisions and between 150 and 160 SS-20 missiles, most of which are massed along the frontier. China is cutting its total military strength by a million, down to about 3·2 million.

According to recent Japanese military reports, Russia maintains 450,000 well-equipped troops along China's northern border facing 1·5 million Chinese.

British aid for China

By Our Business Correspondent

BRITAIN is to offer aid to China and low interest loans to help win business and meet stiff competition from other nations, Mr Butcher, Junior Trade and Industry Minister, disclosed in the Commons yesterday.

The major shift in policy follows complaints from Britain that other countries have broken a "gentleman's agreement" not to start a credit race for Chinese business and complaints from businessmen that they are not getting enough backing from the Government to match competition.

The Prime Minister has also contributed to the policy rethink after criticising the Japanese Government over aid for the Bosphorous Bridge contract in Turkey.

Mr Butcher announced that the Government had decided that provisions for aid tied to trade for foreign business would be extended to China.

He also said that discussions have started with City banks and other financial institutions about methods of offering "soft loans" for exports to China.

But businessmen will be disappointed at the absence of any indication of an increase in the £66 million a year aid and trade budget. They have complained that it is too small in contrast to the sums on offer to Japanese and French competitors in particular.

Mr Butcher promised that applications under the aid and trade heading would be handled more swiftly.

IRA CAR BOMB INJURES SEVEN

By Our Staff Correspondent in Belfast

Security forces on both sides of the Irish border last night were searching for an IRA gang which ambushed a police patrol with a 500 lb car bomb, injuring three officers and four civilians.

The policemen, in an armoured Land-Rover, were not seriously hurt. The civilians received more serious injuries in the incident near Strabane, County Tyrone.

KOREAN JET CLAIM

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Britain has claimed £2 million compensation from the Soviet Union for the relatives of 14 Hongkong citizens killed in the Korean airliner shot down by the Russians on Sept. 1 1983, it was revealed yesterday in a Commons reply by Mr Timothy Renton, Foreign Office Under-Secretary.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BLISS.—On July 4, peacefully at West Wittering, DORIS HELEN, aged 85, widow of John Leslie and much loved mother of Michael and Derek. Service at West Wittering Church, Thursday, July 11, at 11.15 a.m., followed by cremation at Chichester. No flowers, but donations to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, 26, Maunsel Street, London, S.W.1.

BRATLEY.—On July 5, peacefully at his daughter's home in Bristol, ALLEN DOUGLAS BRATLEY, F.S.V.A., aged 68, husband of the late Jean (deceased Feb. 2, 1985), father of Eleanor and Malcolm. Family flowers only, but donations, please, to St Peter's Hospice, Tennis Road, Knowle, Bristol. Inquiries tel. (0272) 506424.

CARTER.—On July 5, peacefully at Dellwood, Reading, LEONARD RICHARD, husband of Rose, father of Alan and Pat. Funeral at Reading Crematorium, on Tuesday, July 9, at 4 p.m. Flowers to Cyril H. Lovegrove, Oxford Road, Reading.

CAZEBRO. — On July 4, 1985, CLIFFORD, aged 74 years, formerly of Newark, dearly loved husband of Ethel. CAZEBRO, of 67, Hovin Court Drive, Bedford, West Yorks, very dear father of Mary and Pauline. Service at St Giles Church, Bramhope, Leeds, Thursday, July 11, at 1 p.m. Friends, please accept this intimation.

CHAMBERS.—On July 4, 1985, at The College of St Barnabas, Father SYDNEY PERCIVAL CHAMBERS, aged 95. Donations in lieu of flowers, to the College of St Barnabas (Chapel Fund), Lingfield, Surrey, RH7 6NJ.

CHANCELLOR-WEALE. — On July 4, 1985, peacefully at rest, MARK ALFRED, dearly loved by his wife Anne, son Nicholas, mummy and daddy, his brothers, Anthony, Peter and Robert, the sister Anne, his family and friends. Funeral will be at 3 p.m., Monday, July 8, at Sacred Heart Church, Vicarage Road, Hoole, Chester.

CHAPMAN. — On July 4, 1985, at home, in Bosham, KATE, most loved wife of David and mother of Simon, Jonathan and Toby. Family service. Donations in lieu of flowers to Save the Children Fund. Thanksgiving at Holy Trinity, Bosham, at 12 noon on Monday, July 15.

COLDHAM. — On July 3, peacefully at his home, 4, Palmerston Court, Rose-on-Wye, CLAUDE MAXWELL (Sam) COLDHAM, aged 80 years, husband of Pat, father of Bonnie and Pat and a loved grandfather, late of the Monbiners Users Association and Morgan Funeral service and interment at St Mary's Parish Church, Rose-on-Wye, on Tuesday, July 9, at 12 noon. Inquiries to William Bevan, funeral directors, Rose-on-Wye, 0989 62092.

COLES.—On July 4, 1985, suddenly at Lymington Hospital, KAISES ADLARD, aged 83, husband of Mamie and father of Armand and Rose. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady and St Joseph, Lymington, on Tuesday, July 9, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Lymington Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for R.N.L.I., may be sent, c/o F. W. House & Sons, 33-34, St Thomas Street, Lymington.

COLLARD.—On July 5, 1985, peacefully at Hedgerow, with her daughters, MARJORIE DAWN. Funeral service at Fryerning Church, Friday, July 12, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Marie Curie Memorial Foundation or Care Trust, c/o Bennetts, F.D., Brentwood.

COMMON. — On July 4, peacefully in hospital, ELIZABETH BLUMER (Bel) (née Yale), of Rushide Hall, Edmund Byers, Co. Durham, dearly loved wife of Tony, dear mother of Jane and Peter, loved grandmother of Grant, Fraser and Rachel. Service will take place at Blanchland Abbey, 11.30 a.m., Monday, July 8, followed by private interment. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Durham Guides Camp House Funds, c/o D. W. Barrow, Barclays Bank, 6, St Bodes, East Boldon, Tyne and Wear. A memorial service will be held in Sunderland early September.

CUTTS. — On July 3, suddenly, in hospital, ROSE IRENE COTTS, M.B.E., aged 85, beloved wife of the late Norman. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Ashford-in-the-Water, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, July 10 at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67, Portland Place, London, W1 4AR. Inquiries to J. W. & J. Mettam, funeral directors, Bakewell 2114.

DOUGLAS. — On July 4, at home, FRIDA KATHLEEN, aged 91, of 190, Maidstone Road, Chatham, widow of Dr. A. J. DOUGLAS, much loved mother of Richard, Peter and Roger and grandmother. Cremation at Medway Crematorium, at 12 noon, on Friday, July 12.

EAGER. — On July 5, 1985, peacefully at 21, Tite Street, BERYL EADITH, aged 94 years, last surviving daughter of Dr Thomas Cawke Eager, much loved aunt, great-aunt, great-great-aunt and godmother. Funeral service Wednesday, July 10, at 12.30 p.m. at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road, SW15. Inquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd., 01-834 4624.

EAGLE.—On July 4, 1985, peacefully at The West Suffolk Hospital, DOROTHY, of 63, Garland Street, Bury St. Edmunds. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium, Thursday, July 11, at 12.15 p.m. Family flowers, no letters. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Research, may be sent, c/o T. Fulcher Ltd., 80, Whitton Street, Bury St. Edmunds.

ENGLEDOW. — On July 3, 1985, peacefully in the loving care of the Hope Nursing Home, Cambridge, Professor Sir FRANK ENGLEDOW, aged 94 years, a much loved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Girton, Cambridge, on Tuesday, July 9, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Arthur Rank House, Brookfields Hospital, Mill Road, Cambridge.

ESTLER.—On July 3, 1985, peacefully in hospital, MERVYN JAMES PAUL, of Effingham, Surrey, brother of Paula and Adrian. Cremation service at Guildford Crematorium, on Wednesday, July 10, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, please, and inquiries to Plumm's Funeral Services, Charters, Mary Road, Guildford, tel. 67384.

FARNSWORTH. — On July 4, at home, 10, Parsonage Close, Masterton, Driffield, PETER HARRY, aged 70 years, dearly loved husband of Betty, dear father of John, Richard, Thurlby, Patrick and Tim, and a much loved father-in-law and grandpa. Service at All Saints Church, Nafferton, on Monday, July 8, at 9.45 a.m., prior to private cremation. Please, no letters or flowers.

FOLB.—On July 2, suddenly at home in Maidstone, Kent, GAY, dear wife of Alec and adored mother of Penny, Valerie, Michael and David, and daughter-in-law Gwyn and son-in-law Paddy and Martin and much loved grandmother of Jonathan, Jennifer, Joanne, Naomi, Rebecca and Matthew, much loved by all who knew her, she will be greatly missed.

GARDNER.—On June 19, 1985, suddenly whilst in Paris, CARL RAWSTORN GARDNER, of Adlington, Cheshire, beloved husband of Cynthia and devoted father of Robert Carl. Funeral service at Prestbury Parish Church, on Monday, July 8, at 2 p.m., followed by interment at Prestbury Parish Church, at approx. 2.45 p.m. Immediate family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, for The Coronary Care Unit, Macclesfield Hospital. No letters or telephone calls, please. All inquiries and donations to Mr K. Beard, George Hill, funeral directors, of Hazel Grove, tel. 061-483 3414.

GARRATT.—On June 30, in London, FREDERICK JOHN, aged 73.

GASECKI.—On July 2, HENRYK (Nik), in his 83rd year, dear husband of Maria (Mopsy). Donations, if desired, to Hugh Faulkner, O.B.E., Arthritis Research Council, St Thomas' Hospital, London.

GILL. — On July 4, FRANCES ELLEN RUSSELL, wife of the late Major Ernest Raymond Gill, one time Steward at Monmouth School. Funeral service, 1 p.m., on Tuesday, July 9, at Monmouth School Chapel. Donations, if desired for the Parkinson Disease Society, c/o Henry Spencer, 16, Glendower Street, Monmouth.

GREENLAW.—On July 3, 1985, in a Bournemouth nursing home, HAROLD, husband of the late Madge and father of Mary and Colin. Service Bournemouth Crematorium, on Thursday, July 11, at 3.15 p.m.

HARE. — On July 5, peacefully in hospital, after a short illness, PADDY, of West Meon, much loved husband of Helen and father of Faith and Jonathan. Garden flowers only. Donations if desired to the R.N.L.I.

HAWORTH.—On July 4, peacefully at her home, Grake Terrace, Penny Bridge, PHYLLIS BURGUYNE HAWORTH, formerly of School House, Penny Bridge, Cumbria. Service and interment at St Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye, on Monday, July 8, at 2.30 p.m.

HERITAGE. — On July 3, 1985, peacefully at Fankirk Residence, Felixstowe, Suffolk, ALFRED ROBERT, aged 76 years, formerly of Ealing, Middlesex, late of British Museum and H.M.S.O., loving father of Ann. Funeral service at Ipswich Crematorium, Nacton Chapel, on Tuesday, July 9, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but donations if desired may be sent to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o the Co-operative Funeral Service, 10, Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich, Suffolk.

HOLMES.—On July 3, 1985, passed peacefully away at Ramsgate, Kent, after an illness bravely borne, MARJORIE, aged 77 years, widow of RAYMOND H. HOLMES, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Surgeon, formerly of Totteridge, North London, dearly loved mother of John, Kath, Peter and Anthony and their families. Cremation at Margate Crematorium, on Monday, July 15, at 12.30 p.m. Donations to Rampole Cancer Research Campaign, c/o W. S. Cole & Sons, Monkton, near Ramsgate, Kent.

JESSON.—On July 4, 1985, peacefully in hospital, ALICE MARY, much loved wife of Walter and mother of John and Janet, formerly of Melbourn, Abbas, Dorset. The service will take place at Guildford Crematorium, on Friday, July 12, at 2.30 p.m.

JOHNSON-FERGUSSON.—On July 5, 1985, peacefully in Dorsetshire, SHEILA MARION, beloved wife of Sir NEIL JOHNSON-FERGUSSON, Bart, daughter of the late Col. H. S. Jervis, M.C., much loved mother of Ian, Christopher, Michael and Nicholas. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

KNIGHTS.—On July 5, after a long illness, DORIS IVY, in her 81st year, beloved mother of John and widow of Frank.

LAMB.—On June 30, suddenly at home, ADRIAN TWOTRIE LAMB, beloved only son of Muriel and C. C. Lamb, and dearly loved brother of Virginia. "He anything common did, or mean."

MAYER.—On July 3, 1985, peacefully in Farnborough Hospital, FRANCES JENNY MAYER (nee Faguleva), aged 82, much loved wife, mother and grandmother. No letters or flowers, please. Donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation.

MIREHOUSE.—On Tuesday, July 2, 1985, as a result of an accident, Miss MARY AVIANA MIREHOUSE, aged [illegible]. Private funeral service.

MORRIS.—On July 4, at 1, Green Bank Close, Storrington, ELFRYN CECIL, former Senior Mistress, Wykeham House School, Fareham. Cremation private. No flowers, no letters, please.

MORTON-JENKINS.—On June 24, 1985, suddenly, in Freeport, Bahamas, DAVID, formerly of Sherwin, Kent. Memorial service 3.30 p.m., July 20, St Peter's Church, Cadburn. No flowers. Donations to St Peter's Church.

MURRAY. — On July 4, 1985, DONALD HENRY, aged 81 years, of Westcliff-on-Sea, formerly of Wickford and Ramsden, beloved husband of Irene and dear father and grandfather. Cremation at Southend on July 9, at 2.45 p.m.

PAUL. — On July 4, peacefully at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Chesham, IVY KATHLEEN, beloved mother of Gail and Christopher, sadly missed by her many many friends. Funeral service at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wendover, at 11.15 a.m., Friday, July 12, followed by cremation at Amersham. Flowers to K. V. Grace, Funeral Directors, 29, Cambridge Street, Aylesbury.

PENN-GAS